# Reagan: U.S. not seeking war

WASHINGTON (R) - President Reagan said Sunday's American air raid on Syrian positions in Lebanon did not signal a U.S. desire for a confrontation with Syria but the United States would continue to retaliate if its forces were attacked. "We don't seek" hostilities there. Our mission remains what it was - to help stabilise the situation in Beirut until all the foreign forces can be withdrawn and until the government of Lebanon can take over the authority of its own territory," Mr. Reagan said in a statement. "But we are going to defend our forces there." he added in the statement issued on his return from a weekend at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Maryland. The Pentagon said two U.S. planes were lost the raid but the pilot of one baled out safely and was returned to his ship. Mr. Reagan said there was no solid information about the fate of the two crew members of the second plane but they apparently baied out behind Syrian lines and the United States was attempting to negotiate their release.



## Gemayel leaves Paris after stopover

PARIS (R) - Lebanese President Amin Gemayel left France Sunday after a brief stopover in Paris on his way back from the United States. Lebanese embassy sources said. The president's arrival was unexpected and French officials said they knew nothing about his visit. The Lebanese embassy sources said Mr. Gemayel's travel arrangements were usually secret. Airport sources said he was met by U.S. officials at Roissy airport north of Paris when he flew in from New York on a scheduled commercial airliner. Mr. Gemayel had been in the U.S. for talks with President Reagan and senior administration officials on the removal of non-Lebanese forces from his country.

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## Three wounded in Sidon ambush

SIDON, Lebanon (R) — An Israeli soldier and two Lebanese civilians were wounded Sunday when a group of armed men hurled hand grenades at an Israeli military convoy on the coastal road south of here, local security sources said. The sources said grenades were thrown as three Israeli trucks and a jeep were passing the A'agbiyeh crossroads about 10 kilometres from Sidon. Israeli soldiers returned fire with automatic weapons, but the gunmen escaped.

## Egypt urges Israeli pullout

CAIRO (R) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Sunday called for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon but made no mention of U.S. bombing raids against Syrian army positions in central Lebanon earlier Sunday. Speaking at a banquet in honour of Niger's President Seyni Kouniche. Mr. Mubarak said: "Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon is necessary to enable the legitimate Lebanese government to exercise its authority far from any outside influences.

## Luce, Khaddam hold talks

DAMASCUS (R) - British Minister of State in the Foreign Office Kichard Luce and Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Hafim Khaddam held talks Sunday on the Lebanese crisis and the Middle East situation, the official Syrian news agency said. It added the two off-icials also reviewed bilateral relations, but gave no further details. Mr. Luce, who arrived in Damascus Saturday, visited other countries in the region last month.

## 3 sentenced to death in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD(R) — A Pakistani military court has sentenced to death three alleged members of an anti-government guerrilla group. official sources said Sunday. They said the court, which announced the sentence Saturday in Lahore. capital of Punjab province, found the three men guilty of killing a police constable when he was trying to arrest them in December last year.

## 43 nations to attend Namedia

NEW DELHI (R) - Delegates from 43 non-aligned countries will take part in a conference on the media starting in New Delhi on Dec. 9, the Press Trust of India said Sunday. It quoted Nikhil Chakravartty, one of the organisers of the four-day meeting numed Namedia, as saying the conference would discuss ways to achieve self-reliance in fields related to information gathering and communications

## Iraq, Mitsubishi sign \$50m contract

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries of Japan signed three contracts Sunday worth some \$50 million, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

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# Syrians shoot down 2 U.S. jets

BEIRUT (R) — Waves of U.S. navy planes from carriers in the Eastern Mediterranean Sunday attacked Syrian army positions in the central mountains of Lebanon and two bombers were shot down by Syrian air def-

Evewitnesses said one airman was killed when he parachuted from his stricken aircraft and a second taken prisoner by the Syrian army. A third bailed out safely into the sea.

This was the first air raid by the United States against targets in Lebanon since American Marines landed here in September last year as part of a four-nation peace

Twenty-eight bombers from the aircraft carriers John F. Kennedy and Independence struck at Syrian anti-aircraft bases in the mountains east of the capital at R a.m. (0600 GMT), the Defence Department said.

In Damascus, a Syrian military spokesman said Syrian air defences knocked out three U.S. pla-

But the United States admitted the loss of only two - a single-seat A-7 "Corsair" which crashed into a coastal town north of Beirut and a two-crew A-6 "Intruder" downed near the mountain village of Kfar Salwan.

Western diplomats said they believed the two aircraft to be the first U.S. fighter-bombers lost in combat since the Vietnam war ended in 1975.

'Raids are

part of joint

air raids on Syrian-held positions

in Lebanon this weekend are part

of a joint campaign to fight Syria's

presence in Lebanon, a senior Isr-

After a long cabinet meeting.

government secretary Dan Mer-

idor denied however that Sun-

day's attack by U.S. navy bombers

and Saturday's Israeli raid were

The senior official, who asked

not be named, told reporters Isr-

ael and the United States agreed

on the need to build a powerful

central government in Lebanon

and that Syria and Palestinian

guerrillas were the main obstacles

The air attacks came within 48

hours of Prime Minister Yitzhak

Shamir's return from Washington,

where he held talks on strategic

cooperation with the United Sta-

U.S. officials have said the new

close ties with Israel contain a

message to Damascus and Mos-

day that if details of a new U.S.-

Israeli strategic co-operation pact

were correct, it would be dis-

astrous for the Middle East peace

He told reporters after three-

and-half hours of talks with Pre-

sident Seyni Kountche of Niger:

"If true, this kind of strategic

co-operation would be disastrous

to the Middle East peace pro-

"It will undermine the peace

eement would encourage further

Israeli military operations in the region, he said: "Of course."

The pact announced in Was-

hington last week by President

Ronald Reagan and Israeli Prime

Minister Yitzhak Shamir includes

the creation of a joint group to

work out, among other things.

combined planning, joint exe-

reises and the stockpilling of U.S.

Mr. Mubarak declined to ans-

process.

tes in the Middle East.

aeli official said Sunday.

coordinated.

to that goal.

U.S.-Israel

campaign'

The Corsair's pilot bailed out into the sea and was picked up by the Lebanese army. Lebanese military sources said he was bruised and had a hand wound. He was returned to the ships of the Sixth

Fleet off the coast. Eyewitnesses in Kfar Salwan, 25 kilometres east of Beirut, said one of the Intruder's two-man crew died from injuries received when he parachuted to earth.

The second broke his leg and was captured. He was taken away by Syrian troops for treatment, the eyewitnesses said.

A defence Department statement listed both men as missing, and a U.S. Marine spokesman in Beirut said he had no comment on the eyewitness reports.

## 2 dead, 8 injured

The Syrian military spokesman said only that one pilot was captured during the bombing raids on six Syrian-held areas along the Beirut-Damascus highway and

TELAVIV(R) - U.S. and Israeli | mountains so that 20,000 Chr. of those in Deir Al Qamar and

istians could spend Christmas with

Lebanese Christian leaders

Lifting of the siege of the town

of Deir Al Qamar, surrounded

since the height of last summer's

mountain war, was announced at a

news conference by a spokesman

Fuad Salman, secretary-general

of the mainly-Druze Progressive

sons, would allow the besieged

Christians to meet their families

But Christians elsewhere in

Lebanon said most of the people

of Deir Al Qamar, its population

swollen by thousands of refugees from nearby Christian villages

overrun by the Druze, would find

it impossible to return to their

Former Lebanese President

Camille Chamoun, a Maronite

Christian and native of Deir Al

Referring to the embattled lea-

der of the Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO), Yasser Ara-

fat, Mr. Mubarak said he pre-

ferred that Mr. Arafat go to Jor-dan for talks with King Hussein on

President Reagan's Middle East

This envisages Palestinian self-

rule in the occupied West Bank

and Gaza Strip in association with

Jordan, but has been rejected by

Baz briefed in U.S.

Kamal Hassan Ali told reporters

later Sunday that Mr. Mubarak's

political adviser, Osama Al Baz.

was briefed by U.S. Secretary of

State George Shultz and special

Middle East envoy Donald Rum-

sfeld on the U.S.-Israeli pact dur-

ing a two-hour meeting in Was-

Calling for "self restraint," Mr.

Ali said Egypt was following the

situation closely "after the esc-

alation of the military situation in

Egypt is the second largest rec-

ipient of U.S. aid in the world after

hington Saturday.

Lebanon."

Egyptian Foreign Minister

homes.

peace plan.

Mubarak: U.S.-Israeli

accord would be disaster

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said Sunther details of the raid.

for Christmas and New Year's.

for Druze leader Walid Junblatt.

welcomed the move but asked:

their families and friends.

Where are they to go?"

Druze to lift seige

of Deir Al Qamar

of a three-month-old siege of a other place for them to go.

BEIRUT (R) - The Druze mil- Qamar, said: "Not everyone can

itia Sunday announced the lifting leave the town since there is no

Christian enclave in the Shouf "What interests me is the safety

Socialist Party (PSP), said the dec- start as soon as the Red Cross sig-

ision, taken for humanitarian reanalled it was ready.

the Metn mountains to the north. Syrian casualties were two dead and eight injured with the loss of a vehicle and an ammunition store,

# Twenty-eight American planes attack central Lebanese mountain positions

The downed Corsair crashed into the front garden of a two-storey house in the town of Zouk Mkayel 15 kilometres north of

Six to eight people were injured, army officers on the scene

Eyewitnesses said the plane. trailing smoke, came in from the north and the pilot. Commander Edward Andrews, 41, splashed down in the sea with a red parachute.

A militia official in the mountains said the planes stayed in the area for about 45 minutes.

Yasser Haidar, an official of the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP). the main Druze fighting force in the area, said the planes bombed in groups of four or five.

He said there was a hail of antiaircraft fire and a few missiles were fired at them.

They left the area and circled over Beirut for 10 minutes before returning again for another 10 minutes," he told Reuters by telephone from the Druze town of Aley, east of Beirut.

They seemed to be looking to find out what happened to the two planes they lost.

Marines on alert

The U.S. Marine spokesman in Beirut. Major Dennis Brooks.

maintaining food, medical and

fuel supplies before the winter

The PSP said it would call upon

the International Committee of

Red Cross to help organise the

movement of Christians from the

besieged town during a 10-day

period so they could be with rel-

In answer to a question. Mr.

The Red Cross has been kee-

ping the Christians alive - during

an exceptionally mild autumn -

by bringing convoys of food and

medicines through Druze territory

to the besieged town, about 40

kilometres southeast of Beirut.

As Druze fighters tightened the

pincers during this summer's war.

Christian militiamen of the "Leb-

anese Forces" also withdrew to

Deir Al Qamar, which had a pre-

war population of only a few tho-

Trudeau ends

KUWAIT (R) — Canadian Prime

Minister Pierre Trudeau left

Kuwait Sunday at the end of a

five-day Gulf tour seeking support

for his peace initiative and exp-

Mr. Trudeau has put forward

proposals for easing world ten-

sion, calling for direct talks among

the nuclear powers, the United

States, the Soviet Union, France,

He told reporters at a press con-

ference Saturday night the ove-

rriding opinion of European.

Commonwealth, Chinese and

Gulf leaders whom he had met

since launching his initiative in

October was that nuclear dis-

armament must begin with the

United States and the Soviet

He said the next step in his

peace campaign would be to put

more pressure on Washington and

Moscow to make progress in arms

Before leaving Kuwait, Mr.

Trudeau met members of the

Kuwait Chamber of Commerce

and representatives of the Kuwait

Investment Company to seek their

help in increasing investment in

Canada and encouraging the set-

ting up of joint ventures, trade

tour of Gulf

anding bilateral relations.

Britain and China.

Union.

reduction talks.

courses said

Salman said the operation could

season gets colder."

atives by Christmas.

said only Corsairs and Intruders nberger said: "This is a defensive were involved in the raid. Both measure to protect the necessary

heavy load of bombs. Maj. Brooks said the 1.500- risal. strong U.S. Marine contingent in the multinational force in Beirut

In Washington, the Defence Department said the strikes were in response to Syrian fire against U.S. reconnaissance missions over Lebanon Saturday. It said the Syrians opened up with anti-aircraft guns and at least 10 surface-to-air

missiles on two F-14 fighters. "This attack on U.S. reconnaissance aircraft represents a serious and deliberate threat to the multinational peacekeeping

mission," the Pentagon said. In Paris, U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger promised more attacks if Syria continued to fire on U.S. reconnaissance missions over the

Mr. Weinberger, in Paris for talks with officials before attending a NATO meeting this week in Brussels, called the U.S.

air strike defensive in nature. Asked if Sunday's raid was in retaliation for a suicide bomb attheadquarters in Beirut, Mr. Wei-

on the space shuttle.

radio communication.

you can see from up there.'

BEIRUT (R) - An unknown

between Druze and pre-

dominantly Christian rightist mil-

itias over a broad area of coast and

mountain south of Beirut, res-

dents and radio stations reported.

rocket and artillery fire raged thr-

oughout the day around villages in

the Kharroub region 20 to 30 kil-ometres from Beirut.

The death and injury toll was

not known, but both state-

controlled television and the Fal-

angist "Voice of Lebanon" radio

The unusually heavy bom-

bardments came on the day the

Druze militia announced it was lif-

ting a three-month-old siege of

Al Qamar so that Christians could

spend Christmas and the New

The rightist militia, known as

the "Lebanese Forces," warned

Year with relatives.

military positions.

the Shouf mountain town of Deir Radio said.

spoke of civilian casualties.

Heavy exchanges of mortar,

astronaut said.

"I'm looking down at your country

Amman,'' replied King Hussein.

Hussein chats with

Columbia astronaut

HOUSTON (R) - Astronaut Owen Garriott, 216 kilometres above

the Middle East in the space shuttle Columbia, took time out Sunday

"I just passed over the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba," said Mr.

"I, Sir, am very, very happy to hear you loud and clear... in

King Hussein and Mr. Garriott are two of more than 1.5 million

radio amateurs in the world licensed to conduct two-way short wave

After Mr. Garriott told King Hussein that Amman was a "fantastic

view" from the space shuttle, the King replied: "Thank you very,

very much indeed for this very exciting report about Jordan and wha

"We're very, very proud, very happy indeed to send you and you

colleagues — from all my countrymen and myself — all our very, very

Space shuttle flight extended by one day, page 8

Civilians reported killed

in inter-Lebanese shelling

number of civilians were killed or wounded Sunday during battles tement, "but at the aliens who

civilians to keep away from Druze for more than a week in east Bei-

inhibition."

destroyed, it said.

rut and elsewhere.

best for a most successful mission," the King said.

Garriott using his radio during spare time between his 12 hour shifts

to chat to King Hussein, like him an amateur radio enthusiast.

aircraft are relatively slow ground reconnaissance that has to be conattack aircraft designed to carry a ducted virtually every day in this kind of situation, and is not a rep-

Asked if there might be more raids, he replied: "I hope there had gone on alert following the , will not be any more reconnaissance planes fired upon, but the rationale for this attack this morning would hold in the event that American planes doing defensive reconnaissance were fired

In Damascus, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam called for international and Arab action against what he called America's aggressive policy in Lebanon and the Middle East.

Mr. Khaddam's appeal was made in messages to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi. Organisation of Islamic Conference Secretary-General Habib Chatti, and Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, as chairman of the Non-Aligned Mov-

"I am sending these messages... and urging you to undertake necessary measures to stop the aggack in October on U.S. Marine ressive policy of the United States in Lebanon and the Middle East."

# King, Turkish leader review mutual issues

sident Kenan Evren held talks at the Army Headquarters in Amman Sunday on a number of issues of mutual concern to Jordan

and Turkey. Both leaders later heard a briefing on the Jordanian Armed

Forces and their responsibilities and duties. King Hussein also accompanied President Evren to the Muwaffaq Salti Air Base and were briefed on the duties of its personnel. They toured the base and watched take-off exercises by fighter planes. Later, they visited the Fifth

Royal Armoured Division and inspected a military exhibition displaying various types of weapons including the Tareq Ibn Ziyad tank which was modified in Jordan. The tour included a visit to the division's field hospital and front-line positions of the 12th Royal Mechanised Division whose commander presented a briefing on the troops' duties and responsibilities.

The two leaders were acc-

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. King Hussein and Turkish Pre-Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and other Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and other officials as well as an official Turkish delegation accompanying President Evren.

## Co-operation agreement signed

Jordan and Turkey signed an agreement Sunday on economic. industrial and technical cooperation. The agreement is designed to boost bilateral cooperation in joint projects, and construction work and also provides for co-operation in trade. banking operations, tourism, transport, public works, building of fishing boats and transport as well as the exchange of expertise and technicians' visits.

The agreement was signed for Jordan by Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour and for Turkey by Foreign Minister liter furkmen.

Both sides agreed that a joint Jordanian-Furkish committee, set up under the provisions of an agreement signed in 1980, will follow ompanied by Court Minister up the implementation of the new Amer Khammash, Armed Forces agreement.

# Badran holds discussions with Hungarian minister

AMMAN (J.T.) - Prime Min- ael's arbitrary practices in the occhis office Sunday with Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Varkonyi ways of bolstering co-operation between Hungary and Jordan.

Earlier, the Hungarian minister met with Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim who presented a briefing on the general conditions of Arab inhabitants under Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and spoke about Isr- icials.

ister Mudar Badran discussed in upied lands, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

> The Hungarian minister reiterated his country's support for the rights of the Palestinian people and their rights in their homeland.

Later on Sunday, Nir. Varkonvi left Amman and was seen off at the airport by Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem and senior off-

# Arafat wants to move headquarters to Cairo

as saving he would like to move his headquarters to Egypt.

Mr. Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said in an interview with the weekly political review Rose

Al Youssef: "I wish I could move my headquarters to Cairo." Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told reporters Saturday Mr. Arafat was welcome to come to Cairo, but government officials here doubted that this implied the

setting up of a PLO headquarters in the Egyptian capital. "We welcome Arafat in Cairo. We have no objection against him visiting us." Mr. Mubarak said. Mr. Arafat is under siege in the

north Lebauese port of Tripoli by Syrian-backed Palestinian rebels. Egypt, which signed a separate peace treaty with Israel in 1979. has repeatedly said it was only prepared to host Palestinian fighters as part of an overall settlement of the Middle East con-

The PLO and most Arab countries severed relations with Egypt after 1979, but Mr. Arafat told the weekly magazine that he had been in close contact with Mr. Mubarak recently.

"We have both agreed that the current conspiracy against the Palestinian revolution is detrimental not only to the Palestinian people but the entire (Middle East) region." Mr. Arafat said.

Pullout looms closer

Meanwhile, Mr. Arafat and 4.000 loyal guerrillas, trapped in fire erupted over the city but sub-Tripoli by Syrian-backed rebels, sided Saturday evening.

CAIRO (R) - Palestinian leader appeared closer to leaving Sat-Yasser Arafat was quoted Sunday urday night after the United Nations Security Council agreed to let them depart under the symbolic protection of the U.N. flag.

The U.N. flag was one of the guarantees the PLO chairman had requested as a condition for withdrawing his forces from the north Lebanese port.

U.N. delegates said the lovalists were expected to sail to Tunisia and North Yemen in vessels provided by Saudi Arabia.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he understood there would be about five ships to transport up to 4,000 men In another sign of movement

carrying personal weapons only. toward resolution of the monthold war between rival Palestinian forces. Arafat aides said they were drawing up lists of those who would leave.

They said they were pleased the 15-nation Security Council had agreed but it did not mean a departure was imminent. There were at least two obs-

tacles to early withdrawal and they were still waiting for clarification from Lebanese negotiators mediating between Arafat supporters and the rebels, they added.

Mr. Arafat's aides said they sought clarification of plans for some 1,000 fighters without links to any Arab country other than Lebanon and who would be left in control of two rebel-held refugee camps just north of the city.

Mr. Arafat said Saturday the Syrians were massing forces around Tripoli and appeared intent on continuing to attack. Sporadic mortar and small arms

# Andropov recovering from illness, Soviets tell Bonn

BONN (R) - The Soviet Union nisch said. has told West Germany that Kremlin leader Yuri Andropov is recovering from illness, in what diplomats see as a move to ease rec-

ent uncertainties over his position. The Bonn government Sunday confirmed a newspaper report ropov's health had improved.

Andropov will probably resume first-strike force, his duties on Dec. 10," Mr. Boe-Diplomats said

Mr. Andropov, 69, has not been seen in public since August. Moscow has said only that he had a coid.

"Our shelling is not directed at

occupy the province and attack its

neaceful villages and use them as a

base for their attacks without any

It named 10 villages in the Kha-

rroub region which it said had

come under continuous mortar

and rocket attack for several

hours. Civilians were killed and

wounded and a number of houses

Because of this the rightist for-

In the Shouf mountains above

Beirut the Lebanese army and

Druze militiamen exchanged art-

illery and rocket fire throughout

much of the day, state-run Beirut

Because of the continuing bre-

akdown in what the Lebanese call

"the security situation," Beirut

airport remained closed for the

fifth day. Schools have been shut

ces struck back, the statement

The announcement came at a time of tension between Bonn and Moscow over the recent arrival of quoting chief spokesman Peter new U.S. Pershing-2 nuclear arms Boenisch as saying Mr. And- in West Germany. The missiles, to be aimed at the Soviet Union, are "The Soviets have told me that seen by the Kremlin as part of a

Diplomats said it was unusual

for Moscow to disclose news of its leader's health unless this affected an official visit. West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl was told just before his Moscow visit in July that Mr. Andropov would miss their first day of scheduled meetings because of illness.

Mr. Kohl said last week he had received a letter from Mr. Andropov indicating Moscow was ready to review its decision last month to break off its Geneva talks with the U.S. on limiting Europe are withdrawn.

medium-range nuclear missiles. The Dutch government gained a similar impression from a letter it

But the Sovie: Communist Party daily Prayda said the interpretation was a "shameless deception.

Moscow has indicated it will not return to the two-year-old Geneva talks until new U.S. mediumrange missiles that have arrived in

positions in the central Lebanese

# VIDBIBLEASI

# Officials meet ahead of Islamic foreign ministers' conference

DHAKA (R) — Official delegations from across the Muslim world started talks here Sunday ahead of a five-day conference of Islamic foreign ministers opening on Tuesday.

The officials of the 42-member of the Organisation of Islamic Conference will prepare the agenda for the meeting, which precedes an Islamic summit to be held in Morocco next month.

Restoring unity within the ranks of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is expected to be a top item, while the conference will also probably discuss the three-year-old Gulf war and the

Cyprus issue. Members are divided on their approach to the Nov. 15 declaration of independence by the northern half of Cyprus. Some would like the conference to recognise the self-proclaimed republic in the Turkish part of the divided island, but others told

the controversy.

All will unite in calling for an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon and in condemning the Israeli-U.S. strategic cooperation agreement announced in Washington during a visit by Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir.

OIC Secretary-General Habib Chatti, who is due to arrive here Monday, has criticised the accord as constituting a major threat to

the Arab and Islamic nations. Conference organisers are underlining the economic issues to be discussed, including trade expansion among Muslim countries, agricultural development in the Islamic world and assistance to fel-

low members by the richer states. to consider ways of forging greater OIC members include some of unity among Muslim countries. the world's poorest nations, such as hosts Bangladesh and Sudan, Gen. Hossain Mohammad Ers-

Africa's largest state. For Bangladesh the conference odless coup in March last year, will Reuters they wanted to stay out of is important as the first such int- open the conference on Tuesday. ernational gathering Dhaka has hosted since the country of some 95 million people won independence from Pakistan in 1971. Security for the conference is tight following anti-government

riots in Dhaka and the country's

main port of Chittagong several

days ago. Troops and police have sealed off the conference venue and two of the capital's luxury hotels where the delegations are staying. but a curfew imposed after the

trouble has now been relaxed to Roads to the complex are decjust five hours during the night. orated with flags and colourful ceremonial arches, while org-The government-owned Bangladesh Observer in an editorial anisers have erected hoardings along the route carrying quowelcomed the Islamic delegates tations from the Koran. and called on the foreign ministers

# Denktash's envoy arrives in Dhaka to seek support for new state

DHAKA (R) — The foreign minister of the self-proclaimed republic of northern Cyprus arrived here Sunday ahead of a five-day meeting of Muslim nations to seek Islamic support for the new state, so far recognised only by Turkey.

A government spokesman said Kenal Atakol was met at Dhaka Airport by Bangladeshi Foreign Minister A.R. Shams-Ud Doha.

The spokesman said he was not sure whether Mr. Atakol would be allowed to address the meeting of Islamic foreign ministers, which

starts on Tuesday. Senior officials of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) which groups 40 states plus the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), were meeting to work out the agenda for the ministerial talks.

Zimbabwe

backs PLO

anisation (PLO).

HARARE (R) — Zimbabwe Foreign Minister Witness Man-

gwende has criticised unnamed

powers for fomenting discord in

the Palestine Liberation Org-

"We are aware that some pow-

ers, which are opposed to the lib-

eration of Palestine for their own

self-interests, are directly sowing

By Hamza Hendawi

support of Muslim countries and we want to tell our Muslim brothers that we seek peace and want The northern half of the divided Mediterranean island issued its unilateral declaration of ind-

here to get the support of Muslim

"The Turkish Cypriots need the

countries.

ependence in mid-November. Most countries have condemned the move and only Turkey has recognised the new entity. It was not immediately clear on

what basis Mr. Atakol had arrived in Dhaka and whether he was a uation in Cyprus and ways of endguest of the Bangladeshi gov- ing the three-year-old Iran-Iraq ernment. But the Bangladeshi war.

talks with President Reagan and

Mr. Gemayel. in a statement

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WASHINGTON (R) - Leb- eration of Lebanon and to the res-

anese President Amin Gemayel toration of its sovereignty over all

said that progress was made tow- its territory within its int-

ards restoring Lebanon's sov- ernationally recognised bou-

Speaking to newsmen on arr-ival, Mr. Atakol said: "We came Turkish Cypriot community had here to explain the reasons of our sent observers to previous Islamic declaring independence. We came meetings.

> Mr. Atakol was quoted by the Bangladeshi news agency BSS as saying: "We are ready to extend our peaceful hands to negotiate on equal terms (with the Greek Cypriots; to set up a bi-communal and bi-zonal federal republic.

"Now everything depends on the sincerity of the other parties

involved." A top item on the agenda for the foreign ministers is expected to be finding a way to help restore unity within the PLO. The conference will also probably discuss the sit-

He said the Lebanese people

were determined to continue "the

process of dialogue, reconciliation and reforms which took positive

Mr. Gemayel said the United

Secretary of State George

States fully supported his goals.

Shultz was present as Mr. Gem-

shape in Geneva."

# Gemayel accepts results

by Defence Minister Slaheddine Baly, said she would also have contacts with Algerian officials. Relations between Algeria and Tunisia have grown very close

recently and Algerian Prime Minister Mohamed Ben Ahmed Abdelghani signed agreements for three new joint economic ventures during a visit to Tunis last week.

# Reagan plan cancelled out.

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq said

Commenting on the new U.S.-Israeli cooperation, the official daily Al-Thawra said it showed that American bias against the

and not a mere ally of our Zionist enemy," the paper said.

"The accord between Reagan and (Israeli Prime Minister) Shamir has completely blocked the road leading to any possibility of resorting to the U.S. for achieving a just solution (in the Middle East)," it said.

"This means the U.S. has become a direct and overt partner of the Zionist entity in any future aggression on the Arab Nation," it

SIDON, Lebanon (R) - Guerrillas planted a bomb on the main coastal highway in Israeli-held South Lebanon Saturday night but it exploded without causing casualties, Israeli military officials

said. Five such bombs have now exploded in eight days. One slightly wounded an Israeli soldier.

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# U.N. troops in Cyprus maintain impartiality amidst new tension

By Michael Sheridan

NICOSIA (R) — Lieutenant Leif Andersson, a policeman in his native Stockholm, peered through binoculars at the Turkish soldiers a few hundred metres from his United Nations post and murmered: "All quiet - very quiet."

Lt. Andersson, a reservist platoon commander of Swedish troops serving with the seven-nation U.N. Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNIFCYP), was touring his men's positions along the line between Turkish and Greek-Cypriot troops on the divided island. It is a routine day, but thequiet efficiency of the U.N. operation could be thrown out of gear on Dec. 15.

That's when its mandate comes up for renewal and Turkish-Cypriot community leader Rauf Denktash has called for "a rev-

iew" of its role. Mr. Denktash, self-proclaimed president of the internationally condemned "Turkish republic of north Cyprus", says the countries whose men are in the force -Sweden, Britain, Canada, Austria. Ireland, Denmark and Finland should not take sides in the island

Mr. Denktash proclaimed the an independent republic last Nov. 15 in defiance of U.N. resolutions.

It is recognised only by Turkey. All the countries contributing to the force have either publicly branded the move illegal or made their disapproval known through

diplomatic means. Denktash's "state" and the Greek-Cypriot sector remain stu-

diously impartial.

trigger a conflict. On a lonely blue-painted watchrower in the middle of noand Magnus Hagberg scan the rolling countryside stretching to the

the north. On one side, a dun-coloured ediately. earth line marks the Turkish tre-Cypriot soldiers can be seen lol-

ling at their sentry positions. Right in the middle, a Greek-Typriot shephered unconcernedly watches his flock grazing just on the Greek-Cypriot side of the dirt track that marks the half-way

point between the two. Occasionally, the Swedes hear the rumble of artillery like distant thunder as one or other side stages gunnery practice or the rattle of machine-gun fire in exercise ran-

Each such incident, every plane nsmitted to U.N. headquarters in

downtown Nicosia. It is a system that has worked well since the shooting stopped Turkish northern sector of Cyprus after the 1974 Turkish invasion and the U.N. troops moved in

along the ceasefire line. There are now 2,350 of them. some 700 of them permanently on the Turkish side. All move freely along the line between Turkish

and Greek-Cypriot positions. But since Mr. Denktash's uni-Lt. Andersson and his men lateral declaration of indalong the thin line between Mr. ependence, passions have been roused on both sides. Britain, Turkey and Greece are the three peacekeepers are going metguarantor powers of the island hodically about their task as usual Their job is to record military under a 1960 agreement but Ath- and few believe they will leave.

activity on both sides, police the; ens has said it will not sit at the strip of land and try to prevent or same table with Turkey to talk defuse any incident which could about the new move.

So, just as the U.N. role has become more critical, Mr. Denktash has cast doubt on its future. man's-land, privates Tommy Bing Typically of the drawn-out quarrel, his is a complex position. Last Nov. 26, Mr. Denktash

jagged Kyrenia mountain range in said: "We ar not asking the U.N. to leave our territories imm-

"But we are seriously connches, on the other Greek- sidering the taking of sides by the countries which contribute to UNIFCYP. We want them to stay impartial in the Cyprus dispute."

Mr. Denktash said that since the U.N. recognised only the Greek-Cypriot administration as the government of Cyprus, its men were therefore only "guests" in the Turkish-occupied sector.

'We will continue to consider them as guests provided certain points are cleared up. Otherwise they cannot be deployed and they cannot serve in our area." he said.

So far, the Turkish-Cypriot leamovement by either side is scr- ctly what he wants but he has effupulously recorded and tra- ectively served notice that the peacekeepers have become part of

the political issue. Diplomats here read Mr. Denktash's statement as an annoyed response to the successful Cyprus government diplomatic drive for international support after the north's independence move. They say it is still unclear how his announcement will affect the mandate

renewai. The United Nations usually takes account of the views of both sides in peace-keeping operations. As Dec. 15 draws near, nerves

in Nicosia are getting edgy, but the

# Security tight in

rances to Chittagong.
Police barricaded several areas. and paramilitary units took up

for the steps, the government wants to avoid trouble during the conference, the first major international meeting Bangladesh has hosted since gaining independence in 1971.

Both Dhaka and Chittagong were placed under curfew several days ago after anti-government clashes in which at least six people died and 500 were injured.

i iney arrested over 600 people during the violence. They detained various prominent opposition figures who are campaigning for parliamentary elections and a quick end to martial

A 15-party alliance headed by Sheikh Hasina called for a general strike on Dec. 20 in Dhaka to protest against action by security forces in Chittagong in which two people were killed last Wed-

# Bangladesh

Bangladesh's military ruler Lt.

had, who took power in a blo-

Bangladesh, which is classified

as one of the world's least dev-

eloped nations with an average

per capita income of just \$120 a

year, has spent around \$10 million

on preparing for the gathering, renovating buildings, widening

It is being held in Dhaka's new

roads and sprucing up streets.

parliament building - an exp-

ansive and elegant structure of red

brick, concrete and white marble

set next to an artificial lake.

CHITTAGONG, Bangladesh (R) - Security measures were visibly tightened in Bangladesh's main port city of Chittagong as delegations from across the Islamic world gathered in the capital of

Police and troop patrols increased, and security forces san-dbagged the port and key ent-

positions on rooftops.

CAIRO -- Egypt, which has fed Although no reason was given its 46 million people for most of 1983 on cheap American wheat flour, now faces the prospect of higher bills for huge wheat and flour imports. The Egyptian government.

Among them were the widow of

assassinated President Ziaur Rahman, Begum Khalnda Ziagn who heads the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, and the daughter of late President Mujibur Rahman, Sheikh Hasina Wazed, who leads the Awami League.

seeds of discontent within the PLO ranks," he told a PLO solthe major topic of the talks was idarity meeting in Harare. how to secure the removal of all Mr. Mangwende, pledging Zimbabwean support for Palnon-Lebanese forces from Leb-"We have in this visit reviewed estinians, appealed to them to the mechanisms and the con- ayel made his statement, but had unite under PLO chairman Yasser ditions that will lead to the lib- no comments

other U.S. officials.

essive production.

Egypt likely to lose trade war spoils

which subsidises, bread so much that a loaf is literally cheaper than sidised deals. chicken feed, imports more than half its food requirements. Wheat and flour purchases run sidy on wheat flour last month in

at 4.2 and 1.3 million tonnes a an attempt to win back part of the vear and it is the world's number. one importer of wheat flour.

Earlier this year, the country became a battleground for trade rivalries between the United States and the European Community over subsidised food exports. The U.S. pushed the Europeans

out of the Egyptian market by offering to export one million tonnes of flour at a price believed in the market to have been set as much as \$30 a tonne below world prices. But the last shipment of subsidised American flour arrived late in September, according to Western diplomats. They add there is little chance of further

bargain deals from Washington next year.

65.5 million tonnes because of the worst heatwave in 30 years and government efforts to curb exc-

USDA officials have said that government-owned stocks are now too low to sustain further sub-However, the European Com-

munity increased its export sub-

increased by nearly 10 per cent. Egypt's minister of supply and internal trade, Nagi Shatla, told Reuters that Egypt was nearing agreement on the import of about 400,000 tonnes of flour from West

European producers, mainly Fra-He added that the government had lined up 85 per cent of the 4.2 million tonnes of wheat it will need next year.

Two million tonnes will come from Australia in a deal estimated

Mr. Shatla said his country was expected to conclude a deal with the U.S. Department of Agr-million tonnes of wheat to be bou-cken feed.

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iculture (USDA) reported the ght under special arrangements American crop fell this year by and Washington's food surplus more than 10 million tonnes to programme. Another 500,000 tonnes would come from France. Egypt would shop for the rest in

the U.S. and Canadian markets or through international tenders, he While acknowledging food

imports were a burden on Egypt, Mr. Shatla also complained that a record amount of food was lost after arrival because of inadequate storage facilities.

He declined to say how much Egyptian market. Community rotted or was eaten by rats, but sources here say the subsidy was said the government planned to build a series of 100,000-tonne silos in various ports and population centres.

Another burden on the treasury is the cost of subsidising bread. Mr. Shatla estimated that waste and over-consumption caused by low bread prices cost over \$1 billion a year.

The late President Anwar Sadat tried to tackle the problem by increasing bread prices in 1977, but provoked widespread rioting.

A loaf still costs one piastre by industry sources as worth some. (about 1.2 U.S. cents) and President Hosni Mubarak recently complained that farmers were feeding bread to chickens because After recent record harvests. the U.S. for the purchase of 1.2 it was cheaper than proper chi-

## estinian cause, was influential in Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat choosing Tunis as his headquarters after being evacuated from Beirut. Mrs. Bourguiba said at the air-

Bourguiba's

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newly freed

**Palestinians** 

TUNIS (R) - Tunisian President

Habib Bourguiba's wife went to

Algiers to visit Palestinians rec-

ently freed by Israel in a swop of

prisoners, the Tunisian news age-

Wassila Bourguiba, who plays a major role in Tunisian politics and

is a strong supporter of the Pal-

port her visit was in line with Tunisia's strong support for the Palestinian cause and its only and legitimate representative, the PLO. Mrs. Bourguiba, accompanied

# Iraq says

Sunday the latest U.S.-Israeli rapprochement cancelled out President Reagan's 1982 Middle East peace plan and blocked the road towards U.S. involvement in peace efforts.

Arab nations was increasing. "America has now become an overt enemy of the Arab Nation

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Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Mustim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th ... pages

collection of paintings by 19th natury offentalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh, Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays, Tel. 30128.

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# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Government offices to close Dec. 17

AMMAN — All government departments and public institutions will close Saturday Dec. 17 on the anniversary of the birthday of the Prophet Mohammad, according to a communique issued by the Prime Ministry Sunday. It said that all government departments should hold religious ceremonies to mark the occasion.

## Odeh, Lawzi to attend agri fund

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AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will take part in the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) board of governors meeting scheduled to be held in Rome from December 5 to 9. Jordan will be represented at the meeting by National Planning Council (NPC) President Hanna Odeh, who is a governor of the fund, and Ministry of Agriculture Under-Secretray Salem Al Lawzi in his capacity as a deputy governor. The Jordanian delegation is due to leave for Rome Monday.

## Noor set to open centre for handicapped

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor will open Saturday Al Raja'a centre for the rehabilitation of the handicapped here. The centre was established by the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund (QAJWF) with assistance from Qatar. The centre, built on a 1,700 square metre piece of land, includes a school, a clinic, two units for the rehabilitation of deaf mutes and other services. At least 150 children can be accommodated at the centre.

## UNEP team here to fight desertification

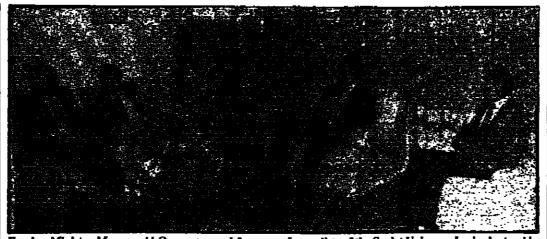
AMMAN (Petra) — A United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) four-member mission is currently visiting Jordan to study ways of combating desertification and improving the Jordanian environment. Accompanying the mission on its tour are a number of Ministry of Agriculture engineers.

## German agency photo show slated

AMMAN (J.T.) - An exhibition of photography by Anne-Marie Kost, of the German Agency for Technical Cooperation, is scheduled to be opened on December 11 at 5:00 p.m. at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel. The exhibition, which will feature "Arabian and African scenes," will open under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Al Hussein.

## World Bank to support education projects

AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Education Secretary-General Abdul Latif Arabiyat returned from New York Sunday evening after holding talks with the World Bank regarding financing for the sixth educational project. The bank has agreed to grant a \$40 million loan to finance a number of educational institutions included in the sixth project of ministry, Dr. Arabiyat said.



Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem (second from right) briefs the press delegation from the Union of Journalists of the Soviet Union on Jordan's stand in

# Qasem meets Soviet journalists

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of itimate leadership. Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem Sunday morning received the visiting Soviet press delegation and explained to them Jordan's stand towards the Middle East crisis with special reference to the recent developments in the Palestinian issue.

Mr. Oasem also voiced Jordan's keenness to achieve a peaceful set-tlement that entails an Israeli withdrawal from the pre-1967 occupied Arab territories and a guarantee for the Palestinian people's legitimate rights including the

right to self determination.

Mr. Qasem reiterated Jordan's support for the independence of cooperation between Jordanian the Palestinian decision and leg- and Soviet journalists through

exchange visits and information Speaking about the current paiand press material. nful situation in Lebanon and the They also discussed the pro-Iraqi-Iranian war, Mr. Qasem vision of medical treatment for pointed out the necessity for con-tinuing international efforts to put Jordanian journalists in Soviet

bring peace and stability to the region. Later the Soviet press delegation held talks with the Union of Journalists of the Soviet Union and the Jordanian Journalists

an end to these situations in the

interest of the countries con-

cerned and their people and to

Association. During the meeting, the two sides discussed ways of promoting cooperation between Jordanian

# King condoles Majali family

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein Sunday delegated His Highness Prince Mohammad to convey his condolences to Al Majali family on the death of Saleh Al Maiali who was buried in Karak Sunday at noon.

Prince Mohammad also attended the funeral ceremony. Prime Minister Mudar Badran delegated the acting governor of Karak to participate at the funeral

and to convey his condolences to the family.

Also taking part in the funeral of Mr. Majali, were the speaker of the National Consultative Council (NCC) Suleiman Arar, a number of ministers, NCC and Senate members, senior officials and a large crowd of mourners.

Saleh Al Majali, a former minister and senate member, died Saturday at the age of 73.

trends symposium begins AMMAN (Petra) - A five-day which help farmers to carry out symposium on cooperatives and

Cooperatives, population

population trends opened at the their land, Mr. Nabulsi said. Jordan Cooperative Institute Sat-The symposium is designed to

familiarise members and leaders of cooperative organisations on on economic and social activity. The first session was addressed by Jordan Cooperative Org-

hospitals.
The talks are being held within

the framework of an agreement

between the Jordanian and Soviet

governments signed at the end of

last year. The Jordanian side in

the talks was led by President of

the Jordanian Journalists Ass-

ociation Mahmoud Al Kayed.

anisation (JCO) Director-General Hassan Nabulsi who spoke about population growth in Jordan. He seaid that since 1948, Jor-

dan has witnessed an increase in its population largely due to forced immigration caused by Zionist aggression and Israel's arbitrary measures against the Arab inhabitants of the occupied ter-Israel, he said, wants an empty

land to settle more Jewish people. In his speech Mr. Nabulsi also spoke about the role of cooperative organisations in Jordan in overcoming population problems.
Altogether Jordan has 85 coo-

perative societies with a total of 6,421 members in addition to 181

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Also speaking at the opening session was Labour Ministry Under-Secretary Tayseer Abdul Jaber who referred to the seminars and training programmes on population issues and their effects population and cooperatives which are being held in Jordan.

In reference to Jordan's population, Dr. Abdul Jaber said that nearly a quarter of a million people are employed abroad, and that they transfer considerable amounts of their income to be invested in their homeland.

The symposium was organised cooperation with the Ministry of Labour, the Jordan Cooperative Institute, the International Labour Organisation and the U.N. Fund for Population

# Arab ministerial manage convenes here

# **UAE** minister warns against food shortages

AMMAN (J.T.) — The economy and trade minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Seif Ali Al Jarwan, called Sunday for the development of national resources to avert possible food shortages in the Arab World, according to Reuters News Agency.

He told the start of a two-day measures by Arab governments. annual ministerial meeting of the Council of Arab Economic Unity trade and finance from Arab Lea-(CAEU) that Arab countries, collectively and individually, imp- the two-day meeting issues conorted most of their commodities nected with Arab economic intand this increased the danger of

food shortages in the Arab World. Arab countries should step up efforts to exploit their potential and establish joint Arab projects on Arab economies especially oil with a view to achieving a com- exports which constitute XII per prehensive and balanced national economies, the minister said.

CAEU Secretary-General Mahdi Al Obeidi also addressed the meeting saying that the world economic crisis was adversely affecting Arab economies which required concerted counter-

gue member states will discuss in

egration, and programmes and

plans by the CAEU. They will also discuss a report by the council's secretary-general cent of Arab exports, as well as the establishment of an Arab federation for drug manufacturers. according to the Jordanian News

Agency. Petra. It added that Jordan's del-

The council was set up in 1962 to bring economic integration among the members of the Arab

League. The council has set up four companies in whose capital the members participate and which The ministers of economy, are expected to assist Arab nations in achieving economic self-

sufficiency.

An antibiotics plant is being built near Baghdad as the first project of the Arab Company for Drug Industries and Medical Appliances (ACDIMA), while a broiler chicken farm is nearing completion in Jordan and sheep farms and other animal projects are being operated by the Arab Company for the Development of

Animal Wealth. Mining, industrial investment, printing and overland transport companies have either been foregation to the meeting is being led med or are being planned as part by Minister of Industry and Trade of this self-sufficiency campaign.

## Two killed in bus crash AMMAN (J.T.) — A road acc- The bus ran into the back of the

ury of 28 people, according to a into flames killing the driver ins-

It said that the accident inv- report said. olved a Kuwaiti bus carrying 34 passengers and driven by Imad the passengers were taken to Al Abdullah, a Jordanian, and a Mafraq government hospital for pick-up truck with Khleif Oudeh treatment while nine others were Al Seeb in the driving seat.

ident on the Mafraq H-4 highway truck which was parked at the side Saturday caused the death or inj- of the road and immediately burst report in Al Ra'i newspaper Sun- tantly and at least one of the passengers and trapping the rest, the

According to the paper, 15 of sent to the Zarqa hospital.

# Ibrahim briefs U.S. team

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Palestinian refugees (UNRWA). Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim conferred in his office Sunday with the visiting U.S. congressional delegation and briefed them on the general condition of

Palestinian refugees. The minister spoke about the adverse effects on the refugees as a result of the reduction of services unless the Palestinians regain the offered to them by the United Nat-right to self determination in their

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During the meeting. Mr. Ibrahim also spoke about the sufferings of the Palestinians and the arbitrary measures exercised by the Israelis against the Arab inhabitants of the occupied lands.

A just peace cannot be achieved ions Relief and Works Agency for homeland, the minister said.

## Amman audience Music hall charms

By Anne Counsell Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Amman Players presentation of an Old Tyme Music Hall", staged Saturday and Sunday evenings in the Royal Cultural Centre studio, was a lively, informal and entertaining night

Twenty members of the Amman Players sung, danced and joked throughout the varied programme accompanied by Vanessa Batrouni and producer Kitty Ephgrave at the two pianos. The short, sharp sketches and variety in the repetoire held the attention of the audience who participated in the sing-a-long choruses of the old music hall favourites.

## Verbose preamblings

Supervising the proceedings was the Master of Ceremonies, Jack Rigg, who introduced the acts with verbose preamblings. The acts themselves were generally well presented and the sketches very amusing if one could hear all the jokes between the bursts of laughter from the aud-

Particularly good was the suit sketch in which the salesman. Don Pengilley, sold a "universal size" suit to the customer, John Alford. Although a farsical scenario, it was effective in exaggerating a situation that many of us have encountered with a pushy salesperson pressurising a purchase.

The selection of songs was varied and typical of the traditions of the music hall atmosphere and music hall with catchy choruses. broke the continuity. Pat Pengilley, in a top hat borrowed from one British ambassador, sang "Berlington Bertie from Bow' in her distinctive. strong and clear voice in addition to two other excellent solos.

## Jovial atmosphere

The jovial atmosphere of turn of the century music hall was cha racterised by "My Old Man Said Follow the Van' sung by Doreen Mathams and the wonderful interpretation of "Old MacDonald had a Farm" presented by Evelyn and Larry Cooper, which was a delightful and highly amusing pre-

added variety to the show, but the

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length of their set detracted from

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by Pauline Waters and Evelyn Cooper, that was cleverly incorporated and effective.

The use of different English accents was also very well done from the cockney rendition of "Any Old Iron", sung by Fizz Waters and Don Pengilley, to the frightfully proper accent of John Bradley in "Have some Madeira M'Dear'.

Mr. Bradley, who could easily to typecast as an Oxbridge undergraduate, also did very well in his attempted recital of "The Green Eye of the Yellow God", a poem by Milton Hayes, in spite of repeated interruptions by Fizz Waters and Jeff Ball who portrayed stereotypical British army officers possessing more up to date information regarding the situation in Katmandu.

Despite a few minor flaws, the Amman Players did well and provided an enjoyable evening's entertainment and as usual the proceeds are going to charity making it even more worthwhile.

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# Adding fuel to fire

THE U.S. air attack against Syrian ground positions in Lebanon on Sunday is a dangerous escalation of an already tense situation in the Middle East. Needless to say, such actions by Washington, authorised by the president himself, could only add more complications to the process of finding a solution to the Lebanon problem, in particular, and in the area generally.

To condemn American attacks against the Syrian army, whether in Lebanon or in Syria proper, for retaliation or whatever purposes, is not to say that we agree with the Damascus regime's tactics or strategy vis-a-vis the current political situation in the Middle East. But, it must be clear to everybody, above all the Reagan administration, that you cannot correct wrong with wrong and, in a volatile atmosphere like this, replace diplomacy by big guns, air raids, and hope for the best.

There has also been so much contradiction in U.S. policy on Lebanon in recent months that could not be settled by other means than going deep into the roots of the region's problems and striving for genuine progress. It is simply not good enough to cane the boy when his behaviour is peculiar, and end up hurting yourself and him in the useless punishment.

For all we know, Syrian policies on Lebanon have not benefited the Arab or the Lebanese cause; but has the U.S. not vacillated much in its judgement over them in the recent past? Syria's attempts to split the Palestinians and replace the legitimate leadership of the PLO with another subservient to its will have been most damaging to the Palestinian cause and have dealt a hard blow to the prospects of finding a comprehensive settlement to the Palestinian problem; did the Reagan administration not bury its head in the sand when hearing about them, thereby missing a good chance to have a clearer picture of the situation in whose outcome it had a lot at stake? The Syrian regime's negative role in the Iran-Iraq war presumably has nothing in common with official business in Washington (only in as much as the Soviets came into it), but should the Americans continue to see things differently from one moment to another and from one place to the next, forgetting in the process its function as a global power striving for peace?

Whatever Washington has tried to do in attacking those Syrian positions in Lebanon, the results have not been encouraging, if not actually disastrous. The worst thing that could happen now is to continue along the same path of endless violence, endless suffering.

More fighting in the Middle East will solve nothing. For the U.S. to get involved in any of it will throw us way beyond where we even started - if indeed we have started.

# **ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS**

## Al Ra'i: Turkey's stance encouraging

JORDAN SATURDAY welcomed President Evren of Turkey in a manner that reflects the close ties of friendship between the Turkish and Jordanian people. We believe that these ties are exemplary and based on mutual trust, respect and a willingness to further achieve cooperation in all fields. It is natural therefore that the visit is looked upon as a sign for new hope in launching joint economic and political activities between the two sides, for building up a brighter future for both peoples, and for bolstering the peace prospects in our region.

We are encouraged by President Evren's statement in which he displayed a deep understanding of the Palestine problem — as the core of the whole Middle East issue - and his realisation that the stumbling block remains Israel's occupation of Arab land and its denial of the Palestinian people's rights. Cementing bridges of understanding and cooperation between Turkey and the Arab World can introduce new elements and adjust the balance of power existing in the region. Turkey has great international weight and can play a major regional and international role in bringing peace to our region.

# Al Dustour: Evren's policy appreciated

TURKEY HAS accepted all U.N. resolutions concerning the Middle-East issue and has pledged itself to help in every way possible to settle it. This fact was reiterated by President Evren at Saturday's banquet held in his honour by His Majesty King Hussein. The president also said that the whole Middle East issue is based on the Palestine problem and that his country would be willing to help resolve these questions. This is a reaffirmation and a new pledge by a friendly nation and reflects the strong historical ties between the Arab and

For his part, King Hussein stressed the importance of solving the Palestine problem, which is the focal issue in the region, and restorating Palestinian people's rights in their homelands. King Hussein also referred to Jordan's policy which he said remained committed to the principles of the Great Arab Revolt and to its leaders who sacrificed their souls to defend Arab rights and independence. We appreciate Turkey's support for Arab rights and hope that further ways can be found to bolster our bilateral ties and cooperation.

# Sawt Al Shaab: U.S. loses credibility

BOTH IN his speech at the dinner for President Evren and in his interview with the New York Times. King Hussein made it clear that Jordan seeks to regain Arab rights in Palestine regardless of the obstacles that stand in the way. The Palestine problem, as King Hussein said, will remain the crux of all the region's issues and the rights of the Palestinians in their homeland will be for Jordan the ultimate goal that it wants to achieve so that peace can be reestablished. King Hussein made it clear that Israel has been creating tensions in the region and has launched a number of wars with the purpose of liquidating the Palestine problem benefiting from differences among Arab states. Israel stands to gain from this game and

therefore it acts to escalate tension all the time. Israel will no doubt gain from the recently concluded U.S.-Israeli strategic agreement because this agreement will help it to carry out its policy. As King Hussein said, the United States, by allying itself with Israel, can no longer cling to its role as a peacemaker in our region. The Arabs will not be interested in helping Washington in its endeavours unless the U.S. can re-establish its credibility as a genuine peacemaker and unless it forces Israel to give up its settlement policy and withdraw its forces from the occupied Arab lands.

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# Is 1984 budget contractionary?

THE 1984 government draft budget was presented by the minister of finance to the National Consultative Council last

As it always has been, the budget is a very significant document that provides a detailed picture of what the govemment intends to do in terms of revenue generation, current and capital spending and domestic and external borrowing. Due to the economic slowdown in Jordan, the 1984 budget will have wider implications on the economy as the instrument for fiscal policy.

While the budget is the main tool for fiscal policy and thus the government decisions regarding its overall magnitude

and deficit financing have direct impact on the national economic conditions, there is the temptation that decisionmakers might look at the budget from the administrative viewpoint, only as it relates to the financial operations of the government. In other words. since Jordan is going through an economic slowdown period. its fiscal policy should be expansionary. It should inject more liquidity into the economy than it collects. It should resort more to deficit financing

If this approach is not followed, it implies that either fiscal policy is not used flexibly to affect the overall economic conditions in Jordan or that the

and tax incentives.

necessary adjustment is left entirely to monetary and other policies.

Looking at the 1984 draft budget from the purely administrative view as it deals with the financing of a dichotomised sector (the government), it has a lot of merits in its formulation. It is a bold move towards achieving self-reliance in meeting recurring expenditures from domestic revenues (88 per cent in the draft budget). The government was able to trim not less than 111 per cent of the current expenditures of its ministries and departments, thus reducing these expenditures not only relatively but also as compared with the 1983 budget. More

funds are also to be allocated to basic - needs projects in electricity, roads and water.

The government efforts to adjust to the deficiency in Arab financial assistance and to meet, at the same time, its defence obligations, support steadfastness in the occupied Arab areas, and repay due commitments on foreign loans are commendable.

However, it should not be left unstated that all these efforts were not painful. Additional Arab assistance is needed to supplement the growth of domestic revenues. It is also needed to inject more liquidity into the economy and reverse

the slowdown.
The painful and hard choices

should be exposed and conveyed to the Arab Gulf countries. Our 1984 draft budget is lower than 1983 by at least 5 per cent in real terms, which will have a contractionary effect on the economy. The fur-

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ther reduction in recurring expenditures will limit the government's ability to create additional jobs to meet the 4.5 per cent annual increase in labour supply. The government is forced to spread the Five-Year Development Plan's development expenditures over a longer period, thus delaying the implimentation of sig-

in formulating our 1984 budget

nificant projects. The comparison between the 1984 draft budget and the

1983 re-estimates may present a more optimistic feeling, but who can be sore that the 1984 draft budget will have a hetter chance for full implementation than that of 1983? The increase in domestic revenues from an estimate of JD 424 million in 1953 to JD 449 million in 1984 may not be realised uniess new sources are tapped or present revenues increased.

The contractionary effect of the 1984 budget on the eco-nomy should be compensated for by an expansionary monetary policy and stimulating investment and trade measures. Otherwise, even the attainment of the budget objectives would become more

# Watch what Reagan does, not what he says

By Peter Jenkins

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S sense of American confidence regained is not shared by its European allies. At first they had hoped that a strong Reagan presidency would be better at least than the flip-flop Carter performance. They were soon disappointed.

The new administration for too ong showed no interest in opening the arms control dialogue which had been agreed as the concomitant of NATO's nuclear force modernisation. The bitter row over the Soviet gas pipeline in the summer of 1982 neatly encapsulated the allies two chief complaints: American policy was guided by a crude anti-Sovietism: decisions in Washington were inpredictable and unreliable as deological factions warred around a president scarcely able to grasp the issues at hand.

The Grenada incident has taken on a special significance in British politics, splitting the Conservative Party and further tarnishing the prime minister's reputation for strong and clear judgement. France took a typically cynical view of the incident and it was soon off the front pages there. The Germans, nervous about everything at the moment, did no more than a routine winge.

in everyone's mind, including eboding about Washington's crisis in a number of regional situations

in Lebanon and her ent-In each case there is the danger perceived as part of a global Soviet conspiracy and responded to accordingly.

There is cause for this European concern about the way foreign policy decisions are reached in Washington. The Reagan administration is unusual for the size of the gap between the policymaking bureaucracy and the decision-makers, who are a small group consisting mostly of the president's intimates. This is one of or than by the First lady, who resthe reasons why Reagan has been able to remain ideologically intact in the Sodom and Gomorrah of the nation's capital, which is part of the secret of his success.

spent trying to re-establish control over decision-making. Although the White House is well organised the most effective White House since his day, says one Kennedy veteran) the president seldom, if ever, participates in formative policy discussion; he comes anew to each decision.

This leaves the "pragmatists" and "ideologues" to compete for his ear. Weinberger and Clarke fight a rearguard action while Haig is away and reverse the pipeline decision to the infuriation of the allies. Kirkpatrick visits Central America, wins the president over to a harder line, and sets off a purge in the State Department. When Clarke leaves for was he fired?) as national security adviser the factions war openly — "min-dless palace guardism." said Washington columnist Joseph Kraft.

This Byzantine way of proceeding - ill-fitted, you may think, to the responsibility of a superpower — has its com-pensations. "It means decisions Department official. It also means that the administration's critics can't have it both ways: unpredictable factionalism and ideological consistency don't go together, and nor have they in the conduct of the Reagan foreign pol-

During the first two years of the Nevertheless, the affair has left administration it stuck to its idesome American ones, a for- but made pragmatic adaptations attack while undergoing a kidney

--- China-Taiwan, Southern Afranglements in Central America. ica. and Central America. Then. in a spirit of renewed strength and that complex eventualities will be confidence, the president was persuaded last spring to open us his second track, or "Nixon option". with the Soviets.

Although the process might be slow, it was to be open-ended and lead (or so it was hoped) to a Reagan-Andropov summit and an outline arms control agreement next year. Nowhere was this more devoutly desired than among the president's top political aides in the west wing of the White House ents her husband's reputation as a gunslinger from way out West. In other words, the idea was to run as a peace candidate.

The dialogue between Was-It means also that a lot of the hington and Moscow developed a The first is that the Reagan admpolicy-makers' time and energy is lot further than the Russians have inistration is proceeding from a

ever admitted. Not only were some of the post-Afghanistan sanctions removed, consulates reopened and so on, but the Russians. in back-stairs deal in Madrid, refrained from imprisoning I(H) "refuseniks" and were even tal-

king about Shcharansky.
When the Korean airliner was
shot down Secretary of State Shultz quickly signalled to Mos-cow that the United States knew what had happened and didn't want the dialogue to become a casualty. The Soviet leadership was unable or unwilling to accept the blame or express remorse. That was the end of the Reagan-Andropov summit.

Nevertheless, and it is important. Reagan quickly rejected the hardline advice which was coming from Weinberger and others who wanted to break off even the Geneva disarmament negotiations in a package of Afghanistan-style, who argued that the Soviets had committed a crime against international avistay open longer." said a State ation, not an act of hostility towards the United States. What would his rightwing Republican constituency say? "Let them vote for George McGovern," the president is reported to have said.

The KAL 007 affair reinforced the American appraisal of the Soviets as continuing in the throes of succession politics with Andropov never firmly in charge. Now they ological guns towards the Soviets believe that he has suffered a heart operation and, although likely to remain in office, will require dialysis. They therefore do not anticipate further progress in their dialogue for the time being and in this way their assessment is symbiotic with the declared Soviet view that no useful business can be

done with Reagan administration. Nevertheless, the longer-term prognostication for the development of US-Soviet relations is surprisingly, indeed astonishingly. hopeful and positive. According to one official specialist," I can see us entering into one of the historically best periods of Soviet-American relations."

Three factors, thus, should be borne in mind in assessing American conduct in the crisis area of the Middle East and its backyard entanglement in Central America.



sense of greater confidence, which may encourage either greater assertiveness or permit greater res-

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The scond is that behind the "megaphone diplomacy" a dialogue has begun, a most important shift in U.S. policy, and that the president would prefer to run for conflict threatens at any moment reelection as a man of peace. The to block the Straits of Hormuz. third is that both Washington and Moscow are justifiably suspicious of the firmness, consistency, and rationality of each other's decision-making capacities.

In the Lebanon the first if unspoken, American priority is to get the Marines home by election day. Their presence in Beirut leaves the president permanently threatened by the kind of disaster which occurred on Oct. 23 and which, if it were to happen again during election year, could do for him what the Iranian hostages did

for Carter.

Behind the show of naval forces which is going on off the shores of the Lebanon are a number of severe constraints on American action. There is no military role that fell to them when the Israelis suddenly pulled out of the Beirut area in September.

Congress would not permit the scale of military involvement req the intended purpose of the renuired to prop up the Gemayel reg- ewed "strategic cooperation"

ime in the absence of a modus vivendi with some of the Arab factions. The Multi-National Force. which includes a small British contingent, would pull out if American policy went in that direction. America cannot afford to alienate the Gulf states while the Iran-Iraq

What has happened in Was hington is something very traditional as election year approaches. Policy has tilted towards Israel. Shultz, whose policy was to cone to terms with Syria if he could, has been persuaded by pro-Israeli officials that a strong Israel is the first necessity for cutting Syria's regional ambitions down to size.

A question which no one in Washington can answer is how the goals of Lebanese reconciliation. denial of the Lebanon to Syria. Israeli withdrawal from the south. a resumption of the broader peace process on the basis of the Reagan plan for a Palestinian entity on a West Bank linked to Jordan, and the bringing home of the Marines could be simultaneously achieved, or even logically pursued.

The dangers of direct or proxy confrontations are obvious, but between the U.S. and Israel is, I suspect, to facilitate an American disengagement from the Lebanon and not to bring her into conflict with Syria. It is a kind of Victnamisation, this time before a Vietnam can occur.

In Central America, where the protagonists live in daily fear or hope of a greater American involvement, the problems facing the Reagan administration are of a different order. Geographic proximity and the Monroe Doctrine not-withstanding, this is a secondary theatre of operations compared with the Middle East. Anything to do with Cuba and Communism in Central America is of intense interest to the ideological right, a significant element of the Reagan constituency. but the White House pollsters are in no doubt that direct military adventures in Central America would not go down well with the public at large.

to watch what the president does than to listen to what he says or, as a wit once said of Eisenhower. worry about if and what he thinks. Reagan's Washington at close hand is a somewhat more reassuring place than when seen from The Guardian.

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In the past other regions ben-

By Linda Sieg Reuter

KASHIWAZAKI, Japan — In a few more weeks this corner of Japan will be covered in snow and the voters of Niigata district will again remember their benefactor. Kakuei Tanaka, prime minister of

decade ago. It was Mr. Tanaka, now at the centre of the nation's biggest post-war political scandal, who brought snow-clearing machines and a host of other civic benefits to his north-western coastal constituency far from the affluence of Tokyo.

Talking to Niigata inhabitants. it seems clear that most of them care little whether or not Mr. Tanaka was guilty of taking a \$2 million bribe from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. He was sentenced last month to four years in jail after being found guilty on this charge.

And when Mr. Tanaka, still apan's most powerful politician. next faces the polls experts agree there is little doubt that his native Niigata will send him back to the House of Representatives by a. solid margin.

That test could come next month, when the snow-clearers gata was good for the country as a provided by Mr. Tanaka will be well in public view.

"We always suffered because of for all of Japan." Mr. Ueki said. the snow," recalled Hajime Ueki, manager of a local construction company.

But Mr. Tanaka has done more alists marshal an array of arg- ued.

than just keep roads free of snow in winter. He also provided Nii-

Cynics maintain that all politicians do the same to get the vast sums necessary for election cam-

The deeply rooted Japanese custom of mutual gift-giving is also invoked in defence of Mr. Tanaka's actions. "Employees give gifts to their employers at new year's and midsummer as thanks for past favours and in anticipation of future benefits." Teruhiko Sakurai, owner of a small factory. said.

"For Tanaka to have taken 500 million yen (\$2 million) is the same as for you or I to take 5.000 yen (\$20)," he argued.

But some use loftier arguments An atomic generating plant in, to explain their support. Mr. Tanaka is the child of Kashiwazaki, said Mayor Tetsuya Imai."A child may do something wrong and get caught. But does a mother abandon her child?

> Even his opponents agree that when an unrepentant Tanaka stands for re-election, such sentiments will assure him a solid victory. But there are dissenters here. "I was ashamed the day of the

> Lockheed verdict," a young for-mer school-teacher said. "Neither I nor my family will vote for him." Some see a tinge of colonialism in Mr. Tanaka's treatment of his home province.

> "It's like the British building roads and railways in India," said Masayoshi Sakai, a part-time professor at Niigata University. Capital comes from the outsides and profit returns to Tokyo. he arg-

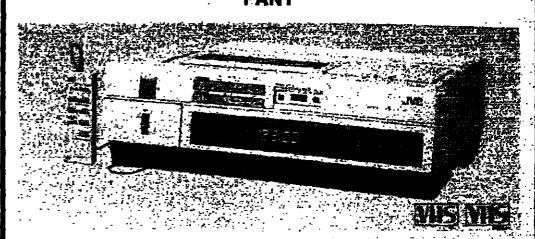


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# Movies: The most popular programme on TV

propula Chris Dunkley looks at the future of the movies.

There is just one type of programme material which practically everybody in the television watch. industry - whether broadcaster, investor or hardware whis kid seems to agree will definitely attract audiences to the new technologies: Moves.

In the past year or so confidence in the future of cable and satellite television has vacillated wildly. Beliefs about the prospects for, say, an all-news channel vary depending upon whom you talk to. Some point to Ted Turner's American news cables and declare that similar ventures will succeed elsewhere. Others say that the Americans are the only ones with the money nowadays to sustain proper global news operations and that American news will not interest other viewers.

Some believe more and more sports bodies will do television deals for exclusive and therefore high-price cable coverage. Others believe that the economics will work only in a few specialised cases: World heavyweight title fights, top snooker matches, and SO Off.

The one thing about which there is unanimity is cinema films. Everyone agrees they will work. and it is not hard to see why. The biggest success story of American cable is Home Box Office whose main offering is movies.

It is not yet widely appreciated that cable channels involve an entirely new attitude towards television. Instead of a "broadcaster" developing a carefully mixed output of comedy followed £200,000 (\$300,000) an hour.

While television programme by news followed by drama and so come and go, films are eternally on in a schedule designed to catch and hold the viewer, cable operators, especially on movie channels, can afford to offer perhaps only five items a week, repeated over and over again so that the viewer can choose his own time to

> The prospects for cable movie channels of that sort in Britain seem as bright as anywhere in view of the huge popularity of moves on our existing broadcast networks. Recent viewing figures for instance show the number I spot in BBC's Top Ten filled by a repeat showing of the 1968 Clint Eastwood movie Coogan's Bluff with 10.5 million viewers.

> Nor was that the biggest movie audience of that week: The independent channel, ITV, attracted 13.75 million with Jaws 2. Nor was it the oldest movie: Battle of the River Plate, the week's most popular programme on Channel 4, first appeared in 1956. Come to that, the John Wayne western Tali in the Saddle, which was fifth in the BBC2 Top Ten, was first released during World War II. Nor, incidentally, was it the rottenest film to get into a Top Ten: That claim goes to Tarzan and the Valley of Gold which came eighth on the BBC2 list with 2.9 million

The fact is that, other things being equal (time of day, the opposition and so on), an old movie will almost invariably prove more popular than one of television's own programmes. Yet the cost of movies is only a fraction of the cost of original television. At the BBC the cost of a first showing of a bought-in film averages about £15,000 (\$22,000) an hour whereas their own drama costs



John Wayne

In fact films are cheaper than almost everything: Making com-edy at the BBC now costs £140,000 an hour, variety £75,000, educational programmes £65,000, features and documentaries £60,000, children's programmes £45,000, and even current affairs cost twice as much as films; £30,000 an hour. Only repeats at £2.500 an hour are substantially cheaper than films. Furthermore, according to figures recently quoted by BBC Director General Alasdair Milne, ITV's average costs are 34 per cent higher than the BBC's.'

Thus it is not difficult to understand the temptation for broadeasters to include films in their schedules as often as possible. Nor is it difficult on the other hand to appreciate the fury of our residual film industry when it sees television raiding the cinema store cupboard and using their old stock "steal" the audience. Presumably if the film industry could make a better profit by showing the films in cinemas they would not sell to television, but that does not cheer up the cinema ent-

husiasts very much. Having myself grown up with films and not with television my first love was the cinema and there are certain films which I believe

box. Some directors worked with a stunning cardsharp in real silk such profound consciousness of stockings with Henry Fonda as the the circumstances in which their films would be seen - in large. dark, crowded public area with the picture larger than life and dominating the proceedings — that it is absurd to commit their films to a little screen in the corner of a brightly lit sitting room where cha-

the picture. From D.W. Griffith's stupendous movie Intolerance to Lucas's Star Wars in which the Dolby sound system of a big cinema plays an essential part, some of the greatest films ever made should not be watched on television except by those who definitely stand no chance of seeing them in their intended surroundings. Millions of people will get their first opportunity to see the greatest achievement of the silent cinema, Abel Gance's Napoleon, which is being shown this

But nobody should imagine that watching it on a small screen at home can reproduce the aesthetic or emotional experience of sitting in the Empire Theatre Leicester Square with a full orchestra accompanying the film. The momentous impact of the final triptych sequence projected onto three adjoining cinema screens cannot be even approximated by television. How would Beethoven's Ninth sound on a piano acc-

month (November) on British tel-

That said, I am grateful like so many viewers for the chance to watch again those classic movies which do not lose all that much from being on the box: The Philadelphia Story and the 1941 Preston Sturges comedy The Lady

should never be watched on the Eve starring Barbara Stanwyck as sucker, both recently shown on British television.

Already this year BBC2 has provided a marvellous season of Marilyn Monroe movies from Gentlemen Prefer Blondes to The Misfits, and now channel 4 is running a fascinating season called "What The Censor Saw". The ttering family groups dominate huge advantage here is that insread of being flung into the schedules piecemeal as ratings bait. the films have been selected with some care and are being introduced on screen — albiet too

briefly — by ITV's chief film buyer Leslie Halliwell. Many of the prints used by television actually seem to be better than those habitually seen in art hourse cinemas.

In the end the important question is this: Given that our conventional broadcast networks and cable television and satellite services all want lots of movies. and given that the decline of the cinema seems irreversible, can television itself somehow create the necessary material? At one time ! believed it could, and that something like Channel 4's coproduction scheme with films such as the British-made The Ploughman's Lunch and Angel seemed very promising.

But now that we are actually seeing them come to the screen the results are discouraging: In the cinema The Ploughman's Lunch looks like stretched television, and not one of the Film On Four productions I have seen so far has displayed the magic of true cinema.

Thanks to its style and ethos. thanks to the very palaces to which the fans flocked to see the films. cinema created stars: Greta



Marilyn Monroe

Garbo, Gregory Peck, John Wayne, Marilyn Monroe. They were larger than life and offered to take us out of our lives and into realms of fantasy.

The "new wave" directors now working on the borders between cinema and TV - Roland Josse, Richard Eyre, Mike Leigh and Stephen Frears — are clearly not the least interested in fantasy. On the contrary their chief concern seems to be rubbing our noses in their version of humanity. They owe far more to the traditions of television than to the cinema.

The flickering box in the corner of our rooms at home has an entirely different style and ethos and the most that television has ever managed to create is domestic personalities: Michael Parkinson. Angela Rippon, Terry Wogan, Eamonn Andrews, As with a cheeky milkman or batty neighbour it is their familiarity which is valued. They are only too "real" and liesize. When viewers chance to meet them in the street they say

'Hello" thinking they know them. I am afraid television will never be a proper substitute for cinema. and there will be a monumental fight between the new technology and the old for those scarce stocks of the real McCoy. - Financial Times news feature.

# Randa Habib's

# Overzealous helpers

The other day I was a witness to an accident that shook me. Only twenty metres from my house, a car hit a child 7 or 8 years old who was crossing the road. Attracted by the accident, passers by, drivers and members of the child's family gathered around the child, who was screaming in pain while all the people were creating

Finally, the driver who had hit the child screamed that the child should be taken to the hospital. Soon enough, at least 10 people (I am not exaggerating) rushed to the car, all wanting to accompany the child.

Finally, 5 people squeezed themselves into that car and the others said they would follow. It was then that the worst happened. The child was carried in a careless way and placed on the lap of one of the two front-seat passengers. I could not but think of the

consequences of such carelessness. I know a young lady who was victim of a small accident. Having fainted, she was transported by passers by in such a way that she

was treated for neck problems for six months afterwards. Jordanians are known to be generous and spontaneous. They rush to help you if they feel you need it.

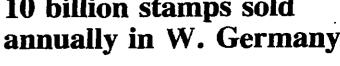
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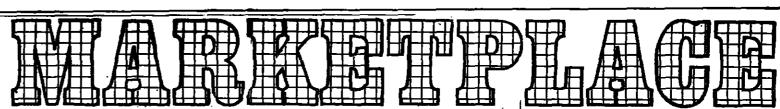
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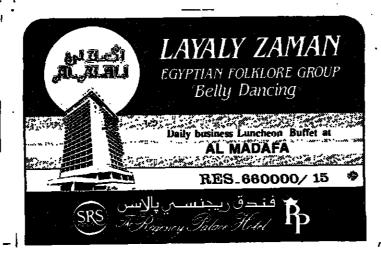
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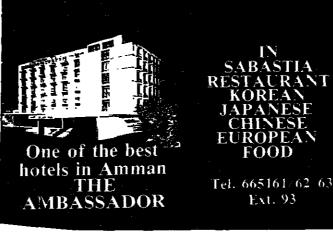
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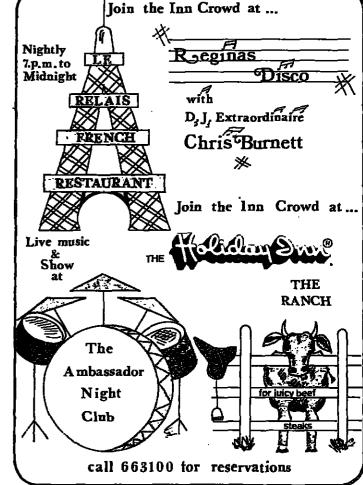


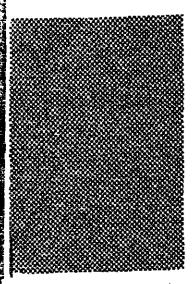
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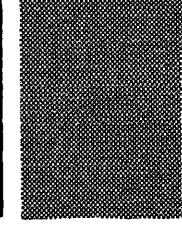




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# Al Jazirah beats Al Ahli in 2nd leg of Premier Division soccer match

AMMAN (J.T.) — Al Jazirah soccer team Sunday defeated Al Ahli 2-1 in the first match of the second leg of the Premier Division football league. The match was attended by about 12,000 spectators here at the Hussein Sports City stadium.

Al Ahli scored the first goal in the 19th minute when midfielder Shaker Salameh scored a header past Jazirah's goalkeeper after a pass from Issa Al Turk. Throughout the first half both teams played equally well taking turns in threatening each others' nets.

Al Jazirah, whose search for the net intensified in the second half came very close on several occasions with powerful shots and superb solo runs until the 77th minute when forward Hilmi Taha was able to score the equaliser

after feinting through Al Ahli defenders and powering a steep volley into the net.

Three minutes before the end of the match, Jazirah's Salah Ahmad was able to penetrate the Al Ahli defence after a run and a devastating long range shot that hit the net scoring the second goal and giving the edge for Al Jazirah

over Al Ahli 2-1. The substitution that Al Ahli coach made to his team in the second half as well as change of tactics did not pay off.

# Two more seeds out of Open

a pulled groin muscle.

Jaeger and Tracy Austin.

The American world number

title she lost to Chris Lloyd last

year following the non-

appearance here of her main rivals

Mandlikova was forced to quit

during her second round match

with American Sharon Walsh.

compatriots Lloyd, Andrea

Vitas Gerulaitis on the casualty list of seeded Americans when they were knocked out of the Australian Open Tennis Championships at Kooyong on Sun-

Australian teenager Pat Cash snuffed out a mid-match revival by 11th-seeded Teacher, the 1980 champion here, to gain a third round victory after five tense sets 6-4. 7-6. 6-7. 2-6. 7-5*.* 

14th seed, succumbed to a gritty performance by Britain's John Lloyd. who overcame his early doubts to win 7-6, 6-2, 6-3. The sixth-seeded Gerulaitis. who beat Lloyd in the 1977 final,

was eliminated on Saturday by

In the same round Denton, the

Swiss-based Hungarian Zoltan Kuharszky, playing only his second grass court tournament Cash. 18. now faces an awesome fourth round task against Czechoslovak top seed Ivan Lendl, who rallied from one set

who was leading 6-2, 1-0, after a fall during which she said she felt the groin muscle snap. down to beat American Peter Navratilova had an effortless

MELBOURNE (R) — Brian Fleming 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4 on 6-1, 6-0 win over Australian Liz Sayers and next meets South Afr-Sayers and next meets South Afr-Fleming's doubles partner John

ican number one Ros Fairbank. McEnroe, seeded to meet Lendl in Veteran star Billie-Jean King. the final, managed to ignore a Australian Open Champion in touch of tendonitis in his left sho- 1968, received a standing ovation ulder long enough to secure a on Sunday despite her 7-6, 4-6, straight-sets victory over India's 6-4 defeat by Cathy Tanvier of Ramesh Krishnan 6-4, 7-5, 6-1.

France, 22 years her junior. In the women's tournament, top British hopes Jo Durie and Virseed Martina Navratilova's path ginia Wade had mixed fortunes to the final was further smoothed against Americans Gigi Ferby the shock withdrawal of Czenandez and Kathy Jordan. choslovak Hana Mandlikova with

Durie, the British number one who won the New South Wales Open two weeks ago, had little one, beaten only once this year, is trouble disposing of Fernandez a strong favourite to win back the 6-2, 6-2. But Wade, the 1972 champion, lost the struggle against Jordan 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

The home crowd's hero of the day. Cash, first served for the match at 5-1 in the third set before Teacher replied with a string of winners, saving a total of six match

Cash explained Teacher's comeback later. "I was talking to him after the match and he said he finally got his rhythm.

# Seko wins Fukuoka marathon

FUKUOKA, Japan (R) — Toshihiko Seko of Japan passed Tanzanian Juma Ikangaa in the final 100 metres to win the Fukuoka marathon on Sunday as U.S. favourite Alberto Salazar ended the first losing year of his running car-

eer with another defeat. Seko, 27, who also won this prestigious race from 1978 to 1980, showed no effects of a leg muscle iniury which made him a doubtful starter as he bided his time just off the pace before first passing Salazar and then, as he neared the finish line, Ikangaa.

Seko clocked two hours eight minutes and 52 seconds, the eighth fastest time in marathon history. Last February he ran the fifth fastest time, 2:08.38, to win the Tokyo marathon.

Ikangaa, who had led the race from the start, was second in 2:08.55, just three seconds behind Seko, while Salazar was also overtaken by the Japanese twins, Shigeru and Takeshi Soh, and finished fifth in 2:09.21.

Salazar, who ran the world's

best time of 2:08.13 to win the 1981 New York marathon, had seemed optimistic before Sunday's race. "But I just didn't have it today," he said dejectedly before walking away from reporters

and refusing further comment. it ended the sort of year Salazar must have felt he might never have after he dominated the world's marathon scene by winning in New York from 1980 to 1982 and also taking the Boston marathon

His hopes for 1983 were to improve his marathon record, race if possible against Seko and Australian Rob de Castella and attack the world 10,000 metres record.

But after placing only fourth in the World Cross Country event early in the year, another title he was determined to take, Salazar suffered his first defeat in five marathons when de Castella beat him in Rotterdam early in April.

Injury probably wrecked his chances there, and the race forced him out of the U.S. trial for the World Championships, where he settled instead for the 10,000 metres. There, however, he barely (24-mile) mark."

qualified for the final, where he

He was not fit enough to rea in the New York event late in Oct. ober but he turned up here saying he once again felt in top form and was ready to go under 2:08 if nec-

Seko, conversely, had his recent training interrupted by a leg muscle injury and only Saturday did be confirm that he would run seying he was alming only to finish among the top three Japanese to qualify for the 1984 Olympic mar-

On Sunday he settled into a pack of chasers just behind lkangas and Salazar until he overtook them both, waiting until the last minute to pass the Tanzanian.

"My leg did not affect me. Bur I was not sure of my condition becsuse I did not have enough training after suffering the muscle injury three weeks ago," he said.

"I didn't think I could win because of the injury and my lack of training. But I became sure that I would after passing the 40-km

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# Kremlin calls for speed up in introducing 'team contract'

MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet leadership Sunday called for a speed up in the introduction of a new labour system making workers' wages more closely dependent on their performance.

A decree issued by the Communist Party and the government said the so-called "team contract" system had proved highly successful in raising productivity rates and should be quickly applied to all sectors of industry.

But ministries, regional authorities and trade unions now had to ensure it was put into effect much more rapidly, it said.

Under the system, workers have to form teams which receive a group payment for their labour from factory managers. The workers then decide among themselves how to share out the

dependent on their output or productivity levels, and the government decree said this had led to a cutback in wasted manpower and some sharp increases in eff-

The team contract system has been operating on a very limited scale for several years but since Mr. Yuri Andropov took power as communist leader a year ago. there has been a drive to introduce it in both manufacturing industry and agriculture.

The method has, in the past, met with strong resistance from ideological hardliners who saw it as a return to a capitalist-style wage system based solely on financial incentives.

There has also been opposition from managers and regional officials, who see it as a dilution of

The group's income is heavily their control over the workers, and from the workers themselves, who often prefer the comfort of a guaranteed monthly salary.

The effect has been to slow down introduction of the new system despite the Kremlin's strong backing for it.

According to Soviet sources, only 6 per cent of the industrial labour force is so far working on a team contract basis although the leadership has been campaigning for its adoption for nearly a year.

Sunday's government decree also stressed that engineers and technicians should be included in production teams whenever pos-

This reflected Kremlin attempts to put experts in closer touch with production methods in order to

# Shipbuilding industry may regain strength after '86

TOKYO (R) - World shipbuilding may regain some of its former strength after 1986 but until then some yards, especially in Europe, will pass through one of the worst periods in their history, according to industry experts

"We now face a bigger crisis than we have ever encountered in the past." European Community Commission Industry Director Daniele Verdiani told journalists after a recent meeting on shipbuilding held by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The meeting brought together representatives of most of the world's shipbuilding nations to discuss the present state of the

Since the first oil crisis in 1973 the world has seen to many shipyards chasing too few orders, causing most countries to cut back shipbuilding capacity and resort to state subsidies to battle their way. through the fierce competition.

BAHRAIN (R) - British Trade

and Industry Secretary Norman

Tebbit Sunday discussed with

Saudi Arabia's Planning Minister

Hisham Nazer how Britain could

help in the kingdom's dev-

elopment projects, the official

Saudi Press Agency reported.

Mr. Albert Gruebel, chairman of the meeting, told journalists a major worry among many countries is the increasing share of the depleted world market being taken by Far East shipbuilders.

While Japan has slimmed down its yard capacity since the sharp drop in world demand for shipping, especially tankers, it still takes the lion's share of new ord-

Total world orders this year will be slightly higher than last year's 29.70 million gross registered tonnes against 128.93 million in 1973. Japan took orders for 9.73 million tonnes in 1982 against 59.60 million in 1973, OECD fig-

ures issued at the meeting show. Mr. Gruebel said, "I am sure we will see a growth in shipbuilding again," adding OECD experts feel there will be an improvement in two years time although the crisis will last until then.

A major concern for the European yards is the recent rapid inroads made into their traditional markets by South Korea.

especially for its petrochemical

Tebbit, Saudis hold talks

· The OECD figures show orders to South Korean yards totalled 2.55 million gross registered tonnes last year and have already topped 4 million this year. Yet in 1973 Korea only took orders for

Orders at European yards fell to 7.41 million tonnes last year from 54.87 million in 1973, but so far this year they have attracted less than 5.50 million tonnes.

Mr. Verdiani told journalists the Europeans feel South Korean ships are low priced to the point of only covering the cost of raw mat-

"At this rate, in two or three years we will no longer see any European ship construction," he

However, the European complaints fell on deaf ears in Tokyo. South Korea has repeatedly ignored OECD invitations to attend meetings to discuss the current state of the world shipbuilding market.

# **OPEC's unity could face** test over output quotas

BAHRAIN (R) — The fragile unity of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) could face a severe test at its ministerial meeting starting on Wednesday in Geneva, oil industry analysts said Sunday.

on-controversial meeting likely to reconfirm OPEC's selfimposed production ceiling of 17.5 million barrels per day (b/d) and benchmark price of \$29 a bar-

rel, a number of countries have recently indicated they intend to seek an increase in their production quota.

"If they bring up the quota question at this meeting, they'll be opening a can of worms," one oil ndustry analyst said.

Demand for oil is too weak to allow an increase in the overall ceiling. So if one member's quota is increased, it will be at the expense of the others," he said.

Iran and Iraq, opponents in the 38-month-old Gulf war, have both said they intend to seek an increase in their own quotas.

Venezuela and Indonesia are mong other countries which have indicated they will press for higher quotas, while Nigerian sources say the issue has also been debated in

Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto said last month: "Obviously. with a population of 150 million, we need a bigger quota. We can use every cent we can earn from

Iraqi Oil Minister Qassem Ahmad Taqi has said his country wants to boost its quota to 1.8 million barrels daily from 1.2 million. while Iranian Deputy Oil Minister Abbas Hornadoost said Iran

Although originally billed as an would seek a daily quota increase to 3.2 million barrels from 2.4 million unless Saudi Arabia cut its output.

The analysts said the drop in demand for oil has hit oil producers with large populations and big import bills harder than those with smaller populations, such as the Gulf states

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter but with a population of around nine million people, has become the most likely target for the OPEC nations which want to boost output.

Asked Saturday if Iran would accept a cut in its own oil quota to support its controversial call for a \$5 increase in the price of oil, Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi said it was Saudi Arabia's duty to reduce its market share.

Asked what would be a fair quota for Saudi output, Mr. Gharazi said Iran had a population of 40 million people and a quota of 2.4 million barrels "so you may calculate how much theirs should

Some analysts said the problem might be defused if Saudi oil production, which has dropped substantially in recent weeks, falls further in the early part of next year.

They said Saudi Arabia is upgrading its natural gas production and distribution system in the first and second quarters of 1984, a, factor which may force the country to reduce oil output.

The improvement is thought to be necessary to prevent a recurrence of power cuts which hit the country's Eastern Province in June. they said. Natural gas associated with crude oil production is the major fuel for electricity generation.

Daily Saudi production has already fallen to around 5 million barrels a day from almost 6 million at the start of the fourth quarter, reflecting a general decline in demand for oil over the past few weeks. industry sources say.

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From close to 19 million barrels a day at times in the third quarter, production is now running only lightly above the organisation's 17.5 million barrels a day ceiling. Even the lower level of Saudi production is apparently not all being sold, with some going into floating storage in oil tankers outside the Gulf, the sources said.

They said the quota problem might also be resolved by redefining quotas to exclude domestic consumption, as suggested by Venezuelan Oil Minister Jose Ignacio Moreno Leon in an interview published Saturday.

"The world market is affected by the oil sold in it and not the oil consumed by the producing countries," Mr. Moreno Leon told the Caracas Daily Journal.

# U.S. decision on Chinese textiles could hurt relations

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Commerce Department will issue a tentative report next Tuesday on whether China is using unfair tactics in exporting textiles to the United States.

President Reagan is scheduled to visit China in April, and a decision against the Chinese could undermine recent efforts to build better ties between Washington

The Chinese textile exports, largely clothing, have grown rapidly in recent years. In 1982 China was the fourth biggest supplier to the U.S. market, shipping goods worth a total of \$800 million.

Peking has denied charges by U.S. textile makers and mill workers that its goods are unfairly subsidised. Many in the American textile business disagree.

Mr. John Greenwald, a member of the legal team representing the U.S. industry, says the subsidies obscured because of the delicate diplomatic situation. The allegations directed at

China in the textile case pose novel issues that test U.S. foreign trade law. First, investigators must decide

whether U.S. trade penalties designed to counter unfair compeitition can be applied to countries such as communist China with controlled economies. The United States has never

addressed that question before Many trade experts believe the U.S. trade laws apply to all foreign countries, and thus the United States is legally obliged to invoke the anti-subsidy statute against

But others argue that the decades-old law was fashioned at a time when the United States had few dealings with communist countries and made no allowances for the unique circumstances that exist in non-market economies.

Besides that knotty question. investigators must grapple with the nature of the alleged subsidies in the textile case.

At issue is whether the complex exchange rate structure adopted by China to promote exports is a form of subsidy. Under the structure. Chinese

exporters can convert foreign exchange earnings into Chinese currency at a rate more favourable than the official exchange rate. For textile exporters, the special exchange rate provides a subsidy

of about 40 per cent, the U.S. industry contends. A few days before the Commerce Department's preliminary decision was due, U.S. investigators said China had not submitted any detailed material to

counter the U.S. complaints. If the investigators found evidence to support the charges, importers would have to post bonds equal to the subsidy.

# which up to now has had a generally high credit rating. HOROSCOPE not received

Syria records marginal

increase in oil production

BAHRAIN (R) - Syrian production of crude oil rose slightly this year over 1982 but is not expected to change in 1984. Syrian Minister

of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Abdel Jabbar Al Dahhak, was

In an interview carried in the December bulletin of the Org-

anisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), he said

total Syrian production, now averaging 170,000 barrels daily, is

expected to total about 8.4 million tonnes this year, up on the 8.2

He said Syria will have refined an average 180,000 barrels a day of

Although production is intended to meet local demand, the surplus

"Considerable quantities of gas oil, up to 300,000 tonnes annually.

Dahhak said offers had already been made by several companies to

study Syrian refinery needs in order to produce more light and less

heavy product. "In light of these studies steps will be taken to

He said a plant for processing associated gas, expected to produce

about 45,000 tonnes of liquefied gas annually, will come onstream

next March and meet the requirements of the north and east of the

country. It will also produce about 150 million cubic metres of sweet

The minister said 80,000 to 90,000 square kilometres (30,000 to

The state-owned Syrian Oil Company planned to drill about 45

Foreign oil companies are also operating in Syria under service

contracts, he said. Pecten International Company, a subsidiary of

Shell oil company, will drill a new well in the Deir Ezzor area this

Marathon Oil carrying out exploration in the Homs area, has

already found considerable quantities of free gas, he said.

**OECD** report optimistic

on world financial system

PARIS (R) - Improved cooperation between indebted poor cou-

ntries, commercial banks, national monetary authorities and int-

ernational organisations has boosted confidence in the viability of the

The latest monthly financial review of the Organisation for Eco-

nomic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said successful neg-

otiation of financial rescue packages for debt-strapped developing

countries had bolstered bankers' belief that the system could ove-

Earlier this year, some bankers expressed fears that mounting

But the report said the successful conclusion last month of a rescue

package for Brazil, the Third World's most indebted nation, would

be viewed positively by bankers and should pave the way for other

The report added, however, that banks' lending attitudes were

It also said mounting debt problems of the Philippines could lead

to a general reticence of banks to lend to the Far East — a region

Third World debt, particularly in South America. could trigger a

35.(#)() square miles) of the country were covered by exploration.

exploratory wells in 1984 in the areas of Latakia, Deir Ezzor and

in products such as fuel oil is exported, while there is a shortfall in

products such as commercial aviation fuel and liquefied gas. he said.

are also imported to meet the rising demand in the transport and

crude this year, compared with its refining capacity of 220,000 bar-

"No change is forecast for 1984." the minister said.

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industrial sectors." he was quoted as saying.

implement suitable plans." he said.

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gas a year, he said.

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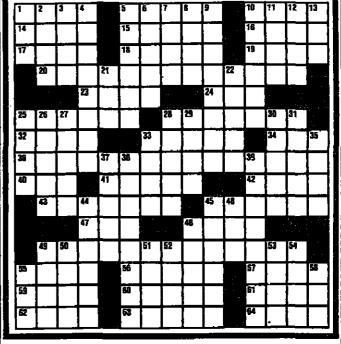
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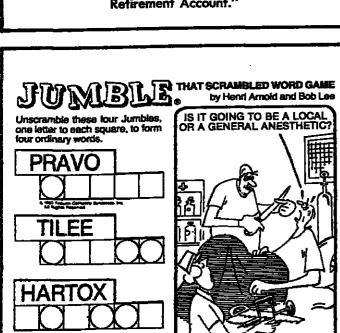


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ATSWET YOU CAN (Answers tomorrow)

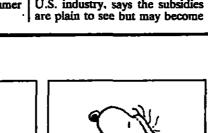
Jumbles: POWER BLOAT FACIAL CLOVER Answer: What happened when he put dynamite into the refrigerator?—HE BLEW HIS COOL

The deputy board chairman of products, the agency added. the government-owned Saudi Mr. Tebbit was quoted by the Saudi agency Saturday as saying Basic Industries Corporation and Peking. his government was seeking imp-(Sabic), Mr. Ibrahim Bin Salmah, roved trade ties with the kingdom. said after a meeting with Mr. Teb-He said present economic chabit Saturday his company was prenges in Britain would help make it pared to carry out projects with He said Saudi Arabia was also "a trustworthy partner that can looking to new world markets, provide the Saudi market with its British companies.

Mr. Tebbit, who arrived in Riyadh on Friday held several meetings with other ministers and visited Saudi industrial centres.

Peanuts

Saudi Arabia is Britain's ninth biggest market, taking £1.4 billion (\$2 billion) in British exports last year, mainly construction and building equipment and consumer goods.









Andy Capp









# WORLD

# Shuttle flight extended by 1 day

HOUSTON (R) — Scientists whose experiments are now being carried out on the space shuttle Columbia were planning Sunday how to use the extra time in a space after officials extended the flight by a day.

U.S. and European Space Agency officials said the mission would last until next Thursday to allow more scientific research on board the European-built Spacelab research laboratory carried by the Columbia shuttle.

The extension was contingent upon good weather at the landing site in the California Desert.

The spacelab contains 73 experiments from 14 countries. Flight director John Cox said Saturday night: "The experimenters had a lot more to do than there was time to accommodate. They have all along wished and pushed and tried to make the flight last longer and do more of these things."

He said more than 100 scientists involved in the experiments would be making suggestions on how they would like to use the extra

The extension will allow extra work in the field of solar seismology, or observations of the sun, planned, for the end of the

This will be possible because the shuttle's orbital path will keep it in almost total sunlight from Tue-

Several equipment problems related to the experiments have developed, but mission officials

said they considered spacelab-1 a

success A power supply unit failed. knocking out two furnaces used to heat or cool various substances and forcing seven experiments to be abandoned.

There was also a partial failure in a low light television camera and a still picture camera used to study the earth's atmosphere and magnetic fields as well as a device to make radar images of the

earth's land and sea surfaces. But an accelerator used to fire electron beams into space was believed to be working again after

malfunctioning. U.S. chief mission scientists Rick Chappell said the "rate of. success is grater than 90 per cent. One cannot be disappointed with this missin."

Turning back the clock

Meanwhile, space travel may have an effect on humans similar to "turning the evolutionary clock backwards." scientists Saturday

Two researchers who devised experiments being conducted by the men flying the space shuttle Columbia told reporters that prolonged exposure to zero-gravity

may reverse the physiology of ever, those mechanisms still force humans developed through millions of years of evolution.

They said the effects of weightlessness could eventually lead to life forms resembling the amoeba because limbs and other parts of the human anatomy developed to deal with gravity would no longer be needed.

Seventy-five per cent of our muscles are anti-gravity muscles which we don't need in space." Dr. Karl Kirch of the Free University of Berlin told reporters covering the first flight of the Eur- also samples of blood during their opean space agency's spacelab aboard Columbia.

He said space travellers had alr- after flight. eady experienced temporary but reversible changes in body fun- purpose. The first is to verify with ctions resulting from the virtual absence of gravity.

Dr. Kirsch speculated that ionger flights could prompt greater changes.

"That's why astronauts - and on the first and third days of the Soviet cosmonauts - experience current shuttle mission. a loss of calcium: They don't need their bones up there to support eriment is to compare the levels in their bodies." he said.

He also said that is why most regulates fluid levels in the body people develop a "puffiness" in through kidney function. their upper bodies during space flight.

Dr. Kirsch explained that the human body has developed cermone (ADH) has never been stutain mechanisms — still unknown - that help keep body fluids from settling in the lower body because

In the absence of gravity, how-

# Kuomintang wins Taiwan elections

TAIPEI (R) - Taiwan's ruling Nationalist (Kuomintang) Party won a landslide victory in partial parliamentary elections with opposition candidates capturing nine of the 71 seats being contested.

The result was seen as a foregone conclusion because of firm Kuomintang support from its two million members, the military, and civil servants.

Loosely-bound opposition groups. mostly native Taiwanese, ran on a platform opposing martial law and demanding the right to form new political parties. Among their winning candidates was Fan Su-Min, whose husband was jailed for sedition after anti-government riots in Kaohsiung in 1979.

The Kuomintang had nominated 58 candidates and approved seven members to run on

their own. Partial parliamentary elections have been held every three years since 1969 as more seats are added to the legislative Yuan (parliament) due to rising population.

Most of the seats in the 379-seat legislative Yuan are held by elderly members who still claim to represent constituencies on the mainland. They were elected in 1948 and are not required to run for reelection as China is now

Incumbent legislator Kang Ning-Hsiang, a Tangwai politician meaning outside the Kuomintang Party), lost his seat after polling only 30.000 votes.

under communist rule.

Another incumbent nonpartisan legislator Huang Tien-Fu. a comparatively radical opposition candidate, also lost his campaign for a second term of off-

# Former Nigerian leader returns from exile

LAGOS (R) -- After eight years of exile, former Nigerian head of state Yakubu Gowon returns home on a visit that has aroused intense speculation over his political intentions.

Gen. Gowon, 49, is due to arrive in Lagos Monday morning from Britain where he has spent his exile since being overthrown in a bloodless coup in July 1975.

A "committee of friends" organising his return, including several of his former cabinet members and military governors. insists that Gen. Gowon is not returning to a political role.

But, although presidential elections were concluded only in Sep- finally.

tember, the jockeying for position for 1487 election candidates is already well under way and few Nigerians believe that Gen. Gowon will stand on the sidelines.

2 CBS cameramen

detained at Comiso

COMISO, Sicily (R) — Two Ita-

lian journalists werking for the

American CHS television network

were arrested outside an air force.

base destined to take new

medium-range nuclear missiles, police said. The two Rome-based

cameramen. Adalberto Pasquing

and Vito Mocano, were que-

stioned by police before being

charged with trying to obtain news about state secrets.

MOSCOW (R) — Mascow's new-

est, best-equipped garage is ref-using to handle Soviet-built cars

modified to run on low-grade bla-

ckmarket petrol, TASS news-agency said. Many private car onwers adjust their engines to

take low-octane fuel which they

buy from lorry drivers who order

more petrol coupons from the

state than they require and are

often willing to siphon off the

extra litres for cash. TASS said the

new Kuntsevski, garage, equipped

with Western diagnostic com-

puters, would not deal with car

'owners "who try privately to eco-

nomise out of the state's pocket".

TASS said by refusing to service

modified cars, the garage hoped to save the state many litres of pil-

DUBAI (R) - One person died

and seven members of his family

were injured when their car hit a

camel on a main road near here

Saturday night, police said. The camel was also killed, they added.

found in greenhouses

ADELAIDE (R) -- Thousands of

manjuana plants worth nearly

three million U.S. dollars on the

black market were found growing

under cucumbers in south Aus-

tralian greenhouses, police said.

The marijuana, nearly ready for

cropping, was found hidden in a

market garden district just north

of Adelaide. Two men have been

charged with growing illegal plants. On Monday, about I.W.

marijuana plants were found gro-

wing in irrigated bush country on the island of Tasmania, off sou-

1 dead, 7 hurt in

car-camel crash

Marijuana erop

Moscow garage

turns patriotic

Political sources say senior members of Nigeria's major parties have visited Gen. Gowon in Britain, where he took a degree in political science, to try to persuade him to join them and bring the widespread popularity that he still enjoys to their side.

Gen. Gowon had told his visitors that only when he returned for good would he decide whether to re-enter politics, the sources said, adding Gen. Gowon had not said when he would come home

# Filipino minister rejects plot charge by Marcos

MANILA (R) - A senior mem- ongly endorsed by Filipino busber of the Philippines government Sunday rejected a charge by President Ferdinand Marcos that a proposal to revive the vicepresidency was part of a con-

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Arturo Tolentino, who has proposed that a vice-president be elected in May to provide a successor for Mr. Marcos, said in a statement published Sunday that the idea had overwhelming sup-

Mr. Marcos said on Friday he opposed revival of the vicepresidency on the grounds that it would weaken his power. "Undoubtedly there is a plot somewhere we cannot yet unmask."

inessmen who see it as a way of reviving international financial confidence, severely joited when opposition leader Benigno Aquino was assassinated in August.

Mr. Tolentino, who has been recommended as foreign minister by the retiring incumbent Carlos Romulo, said his proposal was influenced by public opinion.

Mr. Tolentino said more than 56 per cent of Filipinos favoured electing a vice-president in May when parliamentary elections are

Parliament is scheduled to debate the issue Monday but a decision is expected beforehand at a where we cannot yet unmask." meeting of assembly members of the ruling New Society Movement Party (KBL).

# U.S. study says nuclear survivors would eat well

WASHINGTON (R) — A major nuclear attack on the United States could kill half the population, but then survivors would have enough food, according to a controversial new study.

The report for the White House by U.S.civil defence experts contradicts recent scientific predictions that the world would be plunged into freezing darkness and plant growth would stop for months after an attack.

Its conclusions were immediately criticised by Congressman Tom Harkin, a senior member of the House of Repagriculture committee, who released the report to

"I was absolutely appalled at the content of this briefing." he

"There is no explanation as to how the government expects farmers to get these crops to grow in the 'dead dirt' which will be left after attack or who is expected to harvest these crops or how they could be harvested in intense radiation." the Iowa Democrat said. two months after the attack

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consider to be our favorites.

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If we were asked to vote

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The study was prepared by the federal emergency management agency, the main coordinator of U.S. civil defence projects which include a proposed programme to relocate city populations to rural areas in the event of a nuclear att-

The report came about two weeks after more than 100 million Americans watched a stark depiction of the results of nuclear war in the television film "the Day

cluded that "agriculture proevent of a n attack is expected to be adequate for surviving population needs." But it also noted that if civil defence relocation were a success

The civil defence experts con-

there would not be enough food to sustain the survivors. As many as eight out of 10 could survive if cities were abandoned before the attack, it said.

Those living in rural areas would fare relatively well - almost 80 per cent would still be alive

takeout double, North-South

arrived at a contract of two

hearts. The same contract

# Australian government suffers electoral setback

DARWIN (R) - Australia's Labour government was unmoved Sunday by a vote against its plans to block uranium mining in the the Liberals.

in a statement issued in Canberra that he would consult the territory's new government but his federal government would not be deterred "from implementing policies which have the support of the majority of Australians."

The Liberal Country Party. campaigning against the gained a landslide election win in the territory Saturday, taking 19 seats in an expanded legislative assembly to Labour's five. One seat was still in doubt.

bourne's luxury Sheraton Hotel

last week, the manager assumed

But bystanders agreed that as

For instance, they said, as four

of the men grappled with hotel

staff, the fifth strolled up to rec-

eption and politely paid the bill for

Neither did the gang make any

demands. Instead they hacked

down the door to a 10th floor

room and were seen lugging aro-

und teargas, eavesdropping equ-

ipment, bugging devices and pol-

Before leaving they herded the

they were all released by police added.

staff into the kitchens. But later

two rooms they had occupied.

armed robberies go, this one see-

med a little off key.

ice transmitters.

Labour held seven seats to the Liberals' 11 in the old assembly. The poll saw a 12 per cent swing to

the fluids into the upper torso, but

there is no longer any force to

counter, their effect and the fluids

collect in the face and other tis-

There is a similar effect on

blood, with the pressure in the

veins of the upper body increasing

Dr. Kirsch and a colleague. Dr.

Lothar Rocker, said four of the

astronauts working in the orbiting

spacelab are taking readings of

their venous blood pressure and

voyage to empare them with sim-

ilar observations made before and

The experiment has a two-fold

precise measurements that the

blood pressure in the upper body

He said that this was already

The second purpose of the exp-

the blood of a hormone which

Most people have returned

Dr. Rocker said he expected to

find very low levels of ADH in the

return from orbit next week.

from space dehydrated, but the

level of their Anti-Diuretic Hor-

indicated by initial readings taken

does indeed increase.

in space flight.

ponsibility for overall political, foreign and defence policies. It was able to decide last month

to give back the rock and stop the two uranium projects because it has the title to the land on which they stand. Chief Minister Paul Everingham, jubilant over the result,

# France to toughen anti-racist laws Cheysson, Cultural Affairs Min-

PARIS (R) - France is to toughen anti-racist laws after what an anti-racist march which began began as a march for equality by 30 people grew Saturday in a rally attracting 60,000 in Paris on the onstrators, half of them French final section of a 1.200 kilometre trek, officials said.

Junior Minister for Social Affairs Georgina Dufoix said she ernment ministers joined the would ask parliament for special credits in order to provide financiai dacking for auti-racist cam-

Justice Minister Robert Badinter will draft a new law defining racist violence as a crime and enabling anti-racist organisations to initiate court proceedings in such cases. officials added.

Sunday's rally was the climax of two months ago in Marseilles with little publicity and 30 demand half of them children of North African immigrants.

In seven weeks, three govmarch, some 700 writers and academics expressed support and Muslim, Christian and Jewish leaders jointly backed the demonstration.

Place de la Bastille, in eastern ernal Relations Minister Claude ate outside Lyons.

ister Jack Lang and Junior Environment Minister Huguette Bouchardeau. Eight of those who made the

whole journey were later received by President Francois Mitterrand at the Elysee Palace. Most political parties on the left

and the main unions called on their supporters to take part in the final march while opposition leaders said they would stay away. The idea for the march came to

Marchers on the final leg from Toumi jaidja, a young Algerian, as he was recovering in hospital Paris, to Montparnasse, in the after being shot when he intsouth of the capital, included Ext- ervened in a fight at a housing est-

# S. Korea allegedly sinks northern spy boat, captures 2 infiltrators

istry said Sunday South Korean forces captured two armed North Korean infiltrators and sank a northern spy boat Saturday night in the most serious incident involving the two Koreas since the October Rangoon bomb blast.

Gen. Lee Ki-Baek, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, said in a

said their injuries were minor. War planes and navy patrol

SEOUL (R) - The defence min- boats, called in to conduct a search, spotted a northern spy boat about nine kilometres south of the city and sank it about 20 minutes after the capture of the two commandos. Gen. Lee said.

There were no casualties on the southern side, he added.Gen. Lee gave no indication of the size of the spy boat or the number of people aboard. But military officials said troops

seized more than 130 items of equipment, including Czech-made sub-machineguns, a pistol, ammunition, military uniforms, codebooks radio receivers, transmitters and other com-

The general, who is also head of the counter-espionage headquarters, said the infiltration attempt was believed to be aimed at formenting social unrest in the

South by destroying military and other major state installations. He said the action clearly demonstrated the North's intention to

take the South by force and impose communist rule. Following October's bomb blast that killed 17 South Koreans, including four cabinet ministers acc-

ompanying President Chun Doo Hwan on a visit to Burma, Seoul charged it was part of a plan intended to lead to a North Korean invasion of the South. Seoul officials said the bomb

was intended to kill Mr. Chun. If it had succeeded they said they believed North Korea would have staged anti-government incidents in the South and used them as a pretext to invade.

Burma has also said North Korea was responsible for the bomb blast.

500 families saved in Alabama

thern Australia.

BIRMINGHAM. Alabama (R) - Two people were killed Saturday night when a tornado ripped through a shopping centre in Oxf-ord, about 90 kilometres from Birmingham, a local television station reported. Rescue teams in small boats earlier rescued 5(x) marooned families in the Birmingham area after more than 12 hours of rain caused widespread flooding. The national weather service reported that 13.4 cm of rain fell on Birmingham ove-

## U.S. magazine told to change names

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (R) - A superior court judge ordered the Yale Literary Magazine, the oldest such publication in the country, to change its name. Judge Howard Zoarski agreed with Yale University that the quarterly magazine, first published in 1836, did not represent Yale and must drop the name. Lawyers acting for the magazine said they would appeal.

## Indian expedition off to Antarctic

NEW DELHI (R) — An Indian

expedition has set off to establish a

permanent base in Antarctica, the Press Trust of India news agency said. It said the 80-member team, the third from India to the frozen continent, left Goz's Morraugao harbour on a Finnish ice-breaker on a month-long journey to the Amarctic. An Indian official has said the team would set up a peron latitude 72 degrees south and longitude 10 degrees east. They would also establish a com-Delhi, the agency said.

# Pope's visit to S. Korea could make life better for dissidents

II's planned visit to South Korea next year is being welcomed by Koreans from all walks of life, including both government officials and political dissidents.

The South Korean Catholic primate, Stephen Cardinal Kim Sou-Hwan, a mild critic of the government, called it "the greatest joy in the 2001-year history of Korean Catholicism", which has been marred by periods of persecution.

A foreign ministry official said the papal visit from May 3 to 7 next year was "an honour for this nation and carries much political significance." "It will certainly boost the

image of the Korean government

in the international community,"

he added.

The tour, the first by a Pope to Korea and only the third to an Asian country, will also delight dissidents fighting for human "His holiness's visit will be lar-

gely for pastoral purposes. But it

could also give moral support to

some church people who are run-

ning against the government with

church official said.

and church have often been soured over human rights, a legacy of the days when Christians were imprisoned by President Park Chung-Hee who was assassinated in 1979.

said the Pope's visit would help between the two sides.

will show leniency to some of the 400 dissidents that human rights sources say are being held in jail. No exact figures are available. but the sources say the number would be much higher if those detained without charge were inc-

holics, more than seven million people adhering to various ind-

SEOUL (R) - Pope John Paul their demands for democracy," a Relations between government

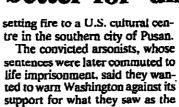
However, government officials

nurture harmony and cooperation Many people expect that before the Pope arrives the government

South Korea, which recognises no state religion, has almost 12 million Buddhists, 2 million Catprotestants, more than five million Confucians and about two million igenous faiths.

of Buddhist lay believers. "All religious leaders of the world are trying to prevent war and undue sacrifice and promote world peace, regardless of difference in religion. We know Pope

The authorities questioned a number of Protestant and Cat-"The visit will be welcome to and demanding leniency for two



A Catholic priest was jailed for three years for sheltering the fugitive arsonists, but was released in August under a presidential amn-

dictatorial government of former

army general President Chun Doo

Cardinal Kim said the most important aspect of the Pope's visit for the church was that, for the first time outside the Vatican. he would preside over a canonisation.

He will make saints of 103 beatified Catholics martyred by the conservative Korean kingdom during the 18th and 19th centuries. They included 10 French missionaries, but the rest were Koreans, only one of them a cle-

'This is where the Korean church is unique. That is, in Korea vastly more lay people were martyred than clergy." said a Korean

archbishop. "Catholicism here also grew first at the hands of Koreans themselves 200 years ago and not of Western missionaries." Cardinal Kim said because of

Pope John Paul's special love of Koreans, the martyrs were being exempted from having had to perform at least two proven miracles before becoming saints.

Following the canonisations South Korea will have the fourth largest number of saints of any country.

"Maybe the Pope feels particular attachment to Koreans because he is from a communist country (Poland). Perhaps he understands the communist North Korean military threat against the South," a Catholic student said.

Apostolic pro-nuncio Francesco Monterisi said in a new-spaper interview: "The holy father is also expected to address our brothers in (communist) North Korea on the achievement of manent research station at a point peace and reconciliation between the two Koreas."

The South Korean government has cited a North Korean threat to munications link between their justify its slow pace of democratic base camp and Indian capital New development

ior the best bridge player we have encountered, at least one of us would vote for the late Helen Sobel Smith. By today's standards her bidding might have left something to be desired (indeed, there were some even then who criticized it), but no one played or defended a hand better. Here's an example from the 1951 Spingold no one better!

CY CHARLES GORER SCINTILLATING SOBEL Team Championship, won by the Goren team. DEAR READERS: We have After Helen opened one diamond and North made a had many requests over the

**GOREN BRIDGE** 

was reached by the Goren while, therefore, we are team in the other room, and devoting the Sunday column eight tricks were duly made. to a series of famous hands. At the end of the series, we Helen made the normal will go back to our weekly lead of the king of diamonds and, after receiving an enquestion and answer column. couraging signal from East, Both vulnerable. West deals. continued with the ace and NORTH jack. Declarer did not want ♦ A K 82 to waste one of dummy's ♥ AK42 trump honors by ruffing high, and there seemed to be **4652** no point to ruffing low, so he **EAST** discarded a club from dum-

> no more to come up with the winning defense. At trick four she shifted to a low club. Goren won the king and returned a club to his partner's ace. Now Helen reverted to a fourth diamond, and declarer had no counter. He sluffed a spade from dummy. East cooperated with his partner's fine defense by ruffing with the

my. Goren signalled with the

eight of clubs. Helen needed

The uppercut succeeded. Declarer had to overruff with the queen and, since West held the J-8-6 of trumps over declarer's 9-7-5, there was no way to prevent West from scoring a trump for the setting trick. Now we know that bridge

is a game full of male

chauvinists. But ask any ex-

pert who encountered Helen

over the green baize, and we

are prepared to bet that they

will tell you that there was

remote Northern Territory and to The territory and Australia's six give Ayers Rock, the world's lar- states are self-governing but Labgest monolith, back to the abo- our is in federal power, with resrigines. Prime Minister Bob Hawke said

said he would seek an early meeting with Mr. Hawke. "We don't propose to back down from our stance over the interests here that have been trampled on in the past few months," he said. Australian security men

hold up Melbourne hotel MELBOURNE(R) — When five without being charged.

masked men armed with subHotel manager Nick Rice demmachine guns took over Mel- anded an explanation. Later he

they were staging a robbery and service taking part in a mock exe-ordered staff to summon the pol-rcise. said defence department spokesman Col. Ross Smith. Foreign Minister Bill Hayden, who has overall responsibility for security services, told the federal parliament the exercise had been carried out without his authority

got it -- the "gang" were members

of Australia's security intelligence

and described it as "particularly nasty and intolerable. He said the group of trainees had been supposed to rescue a

"hostage." "Instead, the trainees chose a violent attack on the room of the hotel in which the supposed hostage was held under guard. The trainees subsequently became involved in grappling with the when captured in a getaway car hotel management and guests," he

statement two North Korean commandos in civilian clothes were spotted while approaching the shore of the city at 10.40 p.m. (1340 GMT) Saturday and were captured after a brief clash. The two agents, identified as Li Sang-Kyu. 23, and Chun, 27, munications gear. threw hand grenades and were injured, military officials said. They were admitted to a military hospital in the city where officials

Pope John Paul II

ple in this country, with or without religion." said Park Wan-II, head

John Paul has been doing just

holic leaders last year after they rgyman. issued a statement criticising the United States' role in South Korea virtually all of the 40 million peo-